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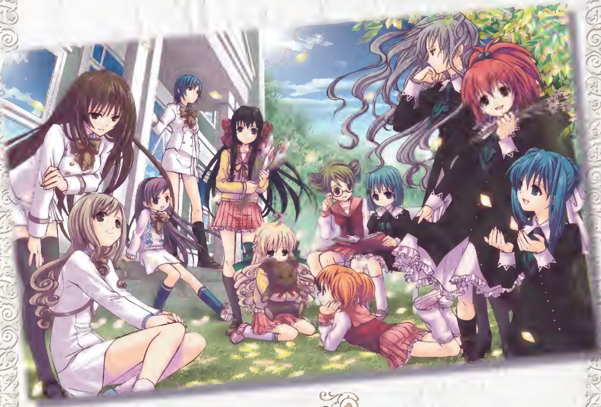
MIATOR GIRLS NAGISA AOI SHIZUMA HANAZONO TAMAO SUZUMI CHIYO TSUKIDATE
SPICA GIRLS HIKARI KONOHANA AMANE OTORI YAYA NANTO TSUBOMI OKUWAKA
LULIM GIRLS KIZUNA HYUGA CHIKARU MINAMOTO LEMON NATSUME KAGOME BYAKUDAN



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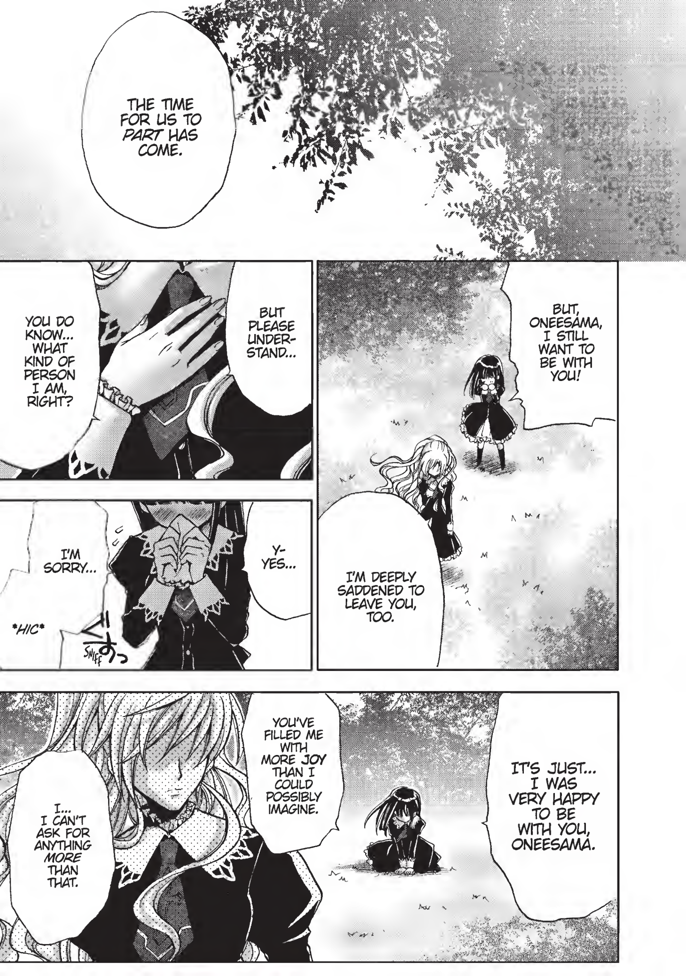
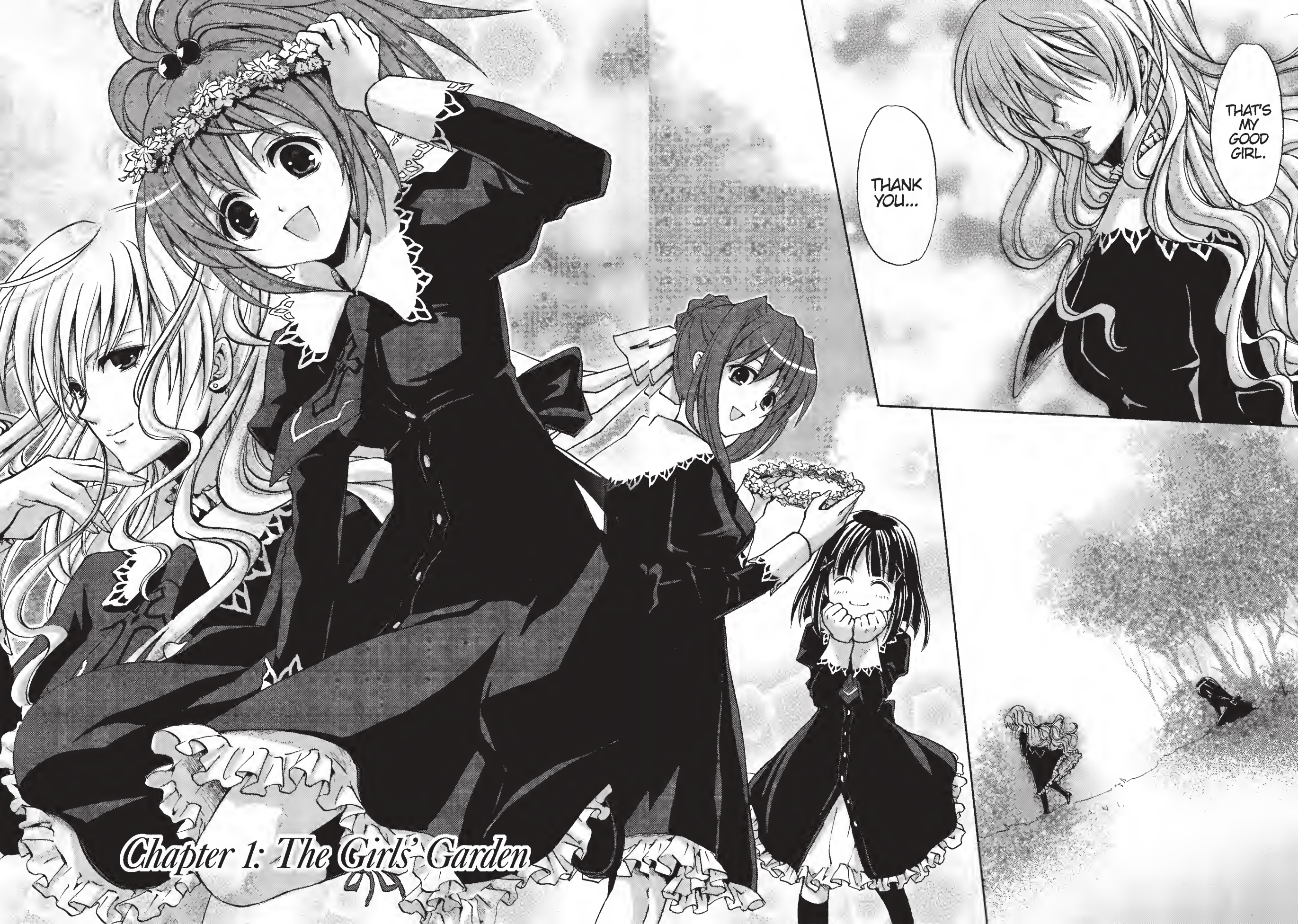
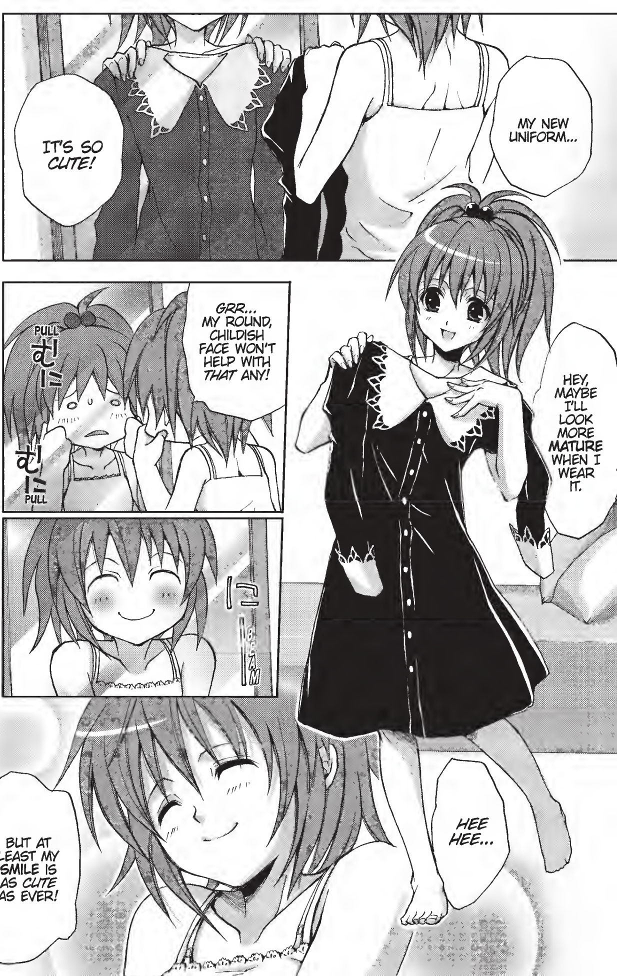

THE TIME FOR US TO *PART* HAS COME.
BUT, ONEESAMA, I STILL WANT TO BE WITH YOU!
I'M DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEAVE YOU, TOO.
BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND...
YOU DO KNOW... WHAT KIND OF PERSON I AM, RIGHT?
Y-YES...
I'M SORRY...
HIC
SNIFF
IT'S JUST... I WAS VERY HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU, ONEESAMA.
YOU'VE FILLED ME WITH MORE JOY THAN I COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE.
I... I CAN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING *MORE* THAN THAT.

Chapter 1: The Girls' Garden


THAT'S MY GOOD GIRL.
THANK YOU...


MY NEW UNIFORM...
IT'S SO CUTE!
HEY, MAYBE I'LL LOOK MORE MATURE WHEN I WEAR IT.
GRR... MY ROUND, CHILDISH FACE WON'T HELP WITH THAT ANY!
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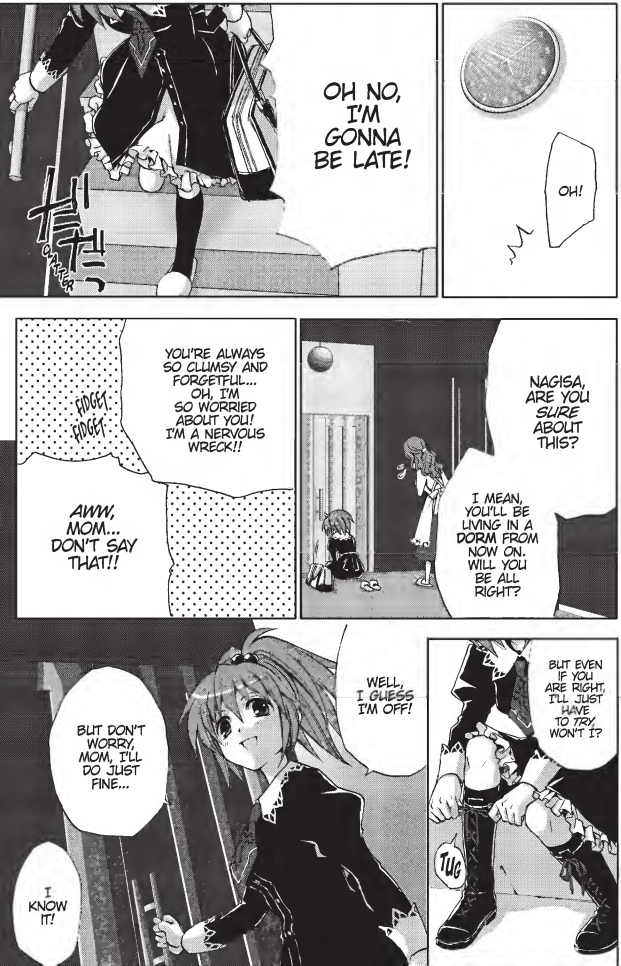
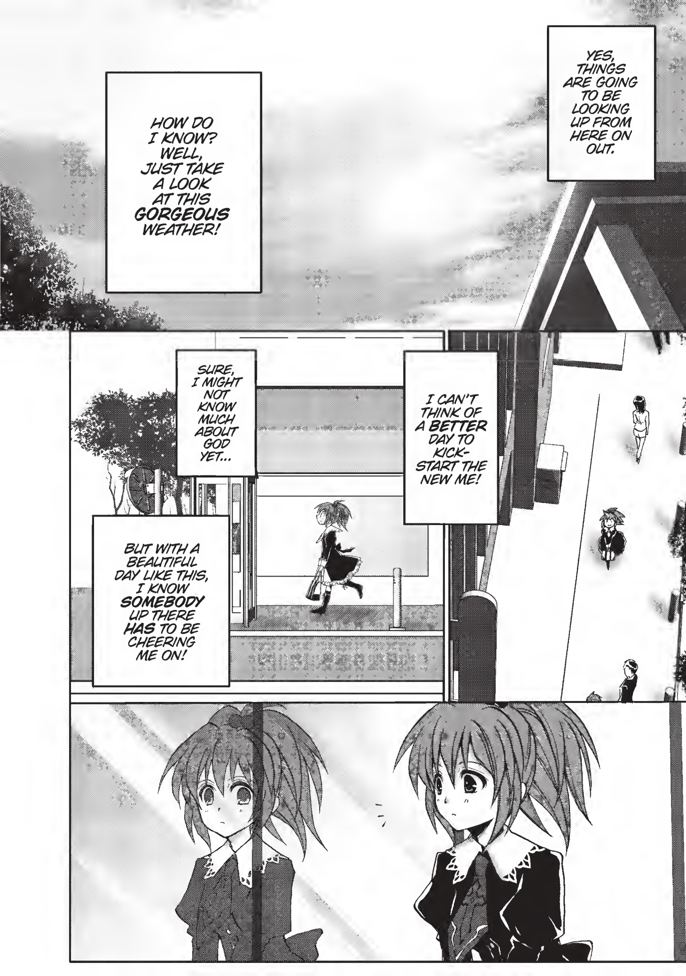
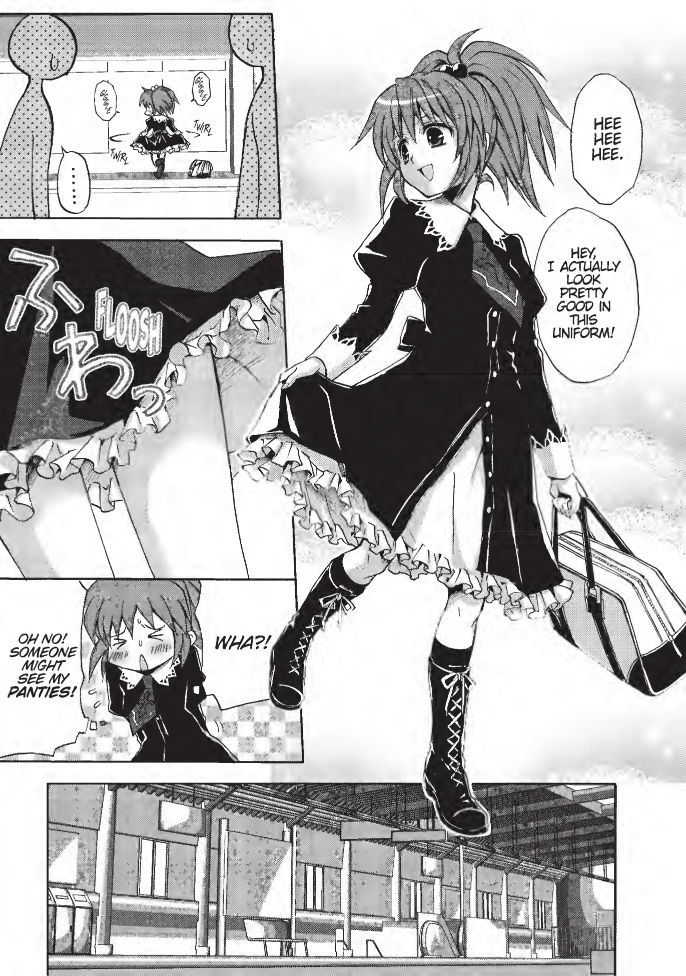
BEAM
HEE HEE...
BUT AT LEAST MY SMILE IS AS CUTE AS EVER!


OH!
OH NO, I'M GONNA BE LATE!
CLATTER
NAGISA, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
I MEAN, YOU'LL BE LIVING IN A DORM FROM NOW ON. WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO CLUMSY AND FORGETFUL... OH, I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU! I'M A NERVOUS WRECK!!
FIDGET FIDGET
AWW, MOM... DON'T SAY THAT!!
BUT EVEN IF YOU ARE RIGHT, I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY, WON'T I?
TUG
WELL, I GUESS I'M OFF!
BUT DON'T WORRY, MOM, I'LL DO JUST FINE...
I KNOW IT!


YES, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING UP FROM HERE ON OUT.
HOW DO I KNOW? WELL, JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS **GORGEOUS** WEATHER!
I CAN'T THINK OF A **BETTER** DAY TO KICK-START THE NEW ME!
SURE, I MIGHT NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT GOD YET...
BUT WITH A BEAUTIFUL DAY LIKE THIS, I KNOW **SOMEBODY** UP THERE **HAS** TO BE CHEERING ME ON!


HEE HEE HEE.
HEY, I ACTUALLY LOOK PRETTY GOOD IN THIS UNIFORM!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
TWIRL
TWIRL
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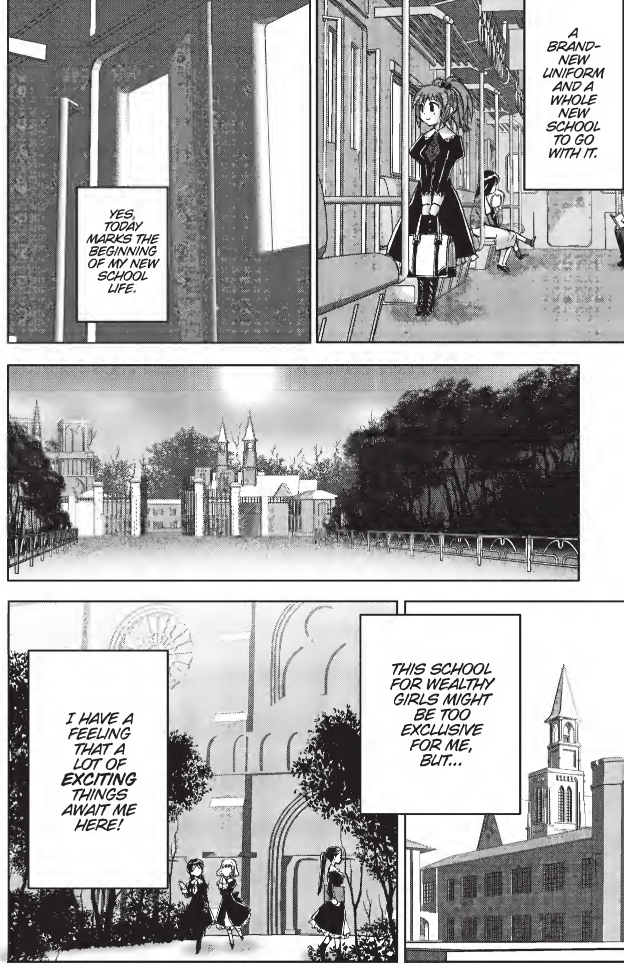
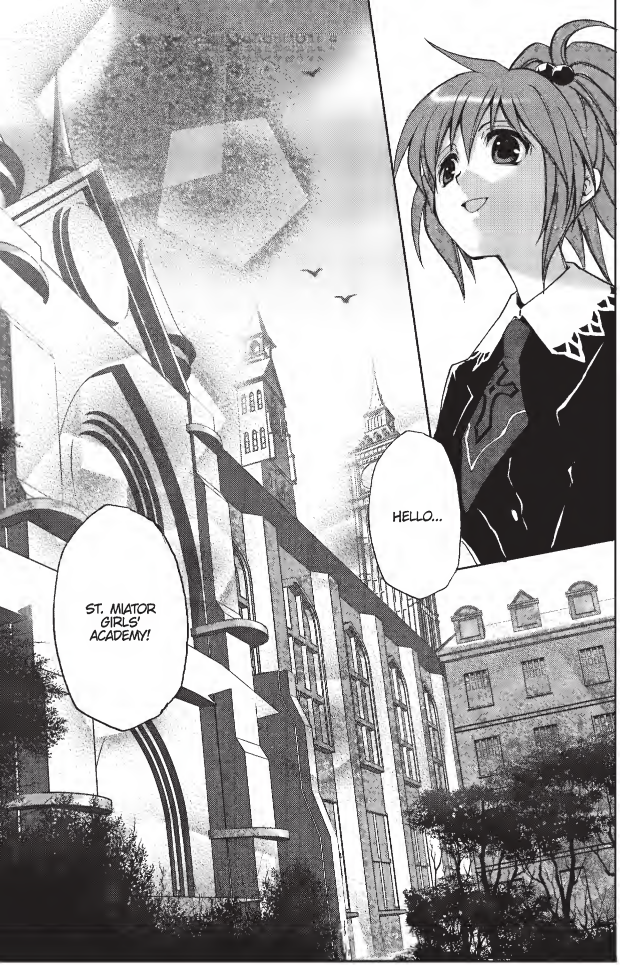
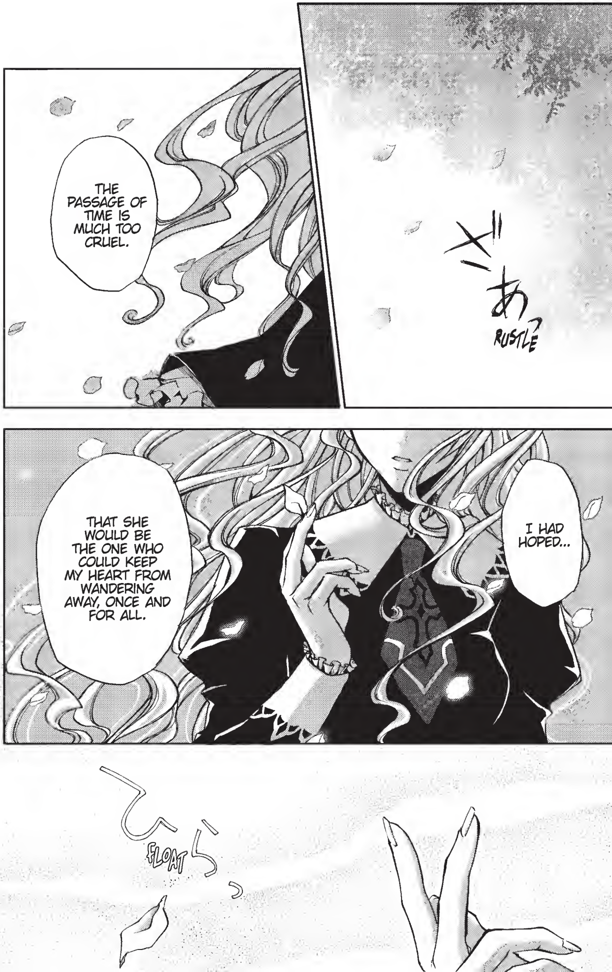
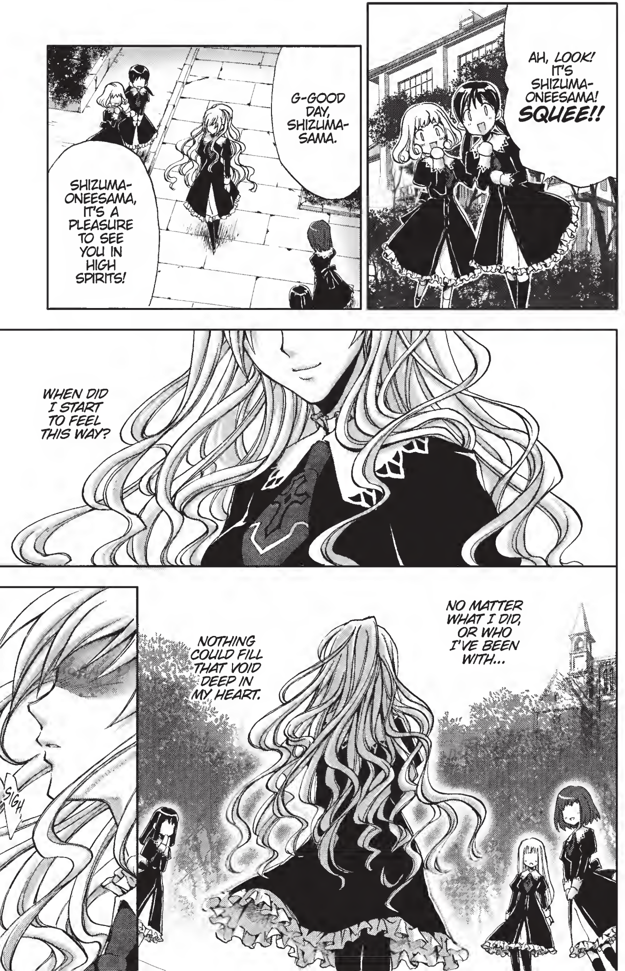
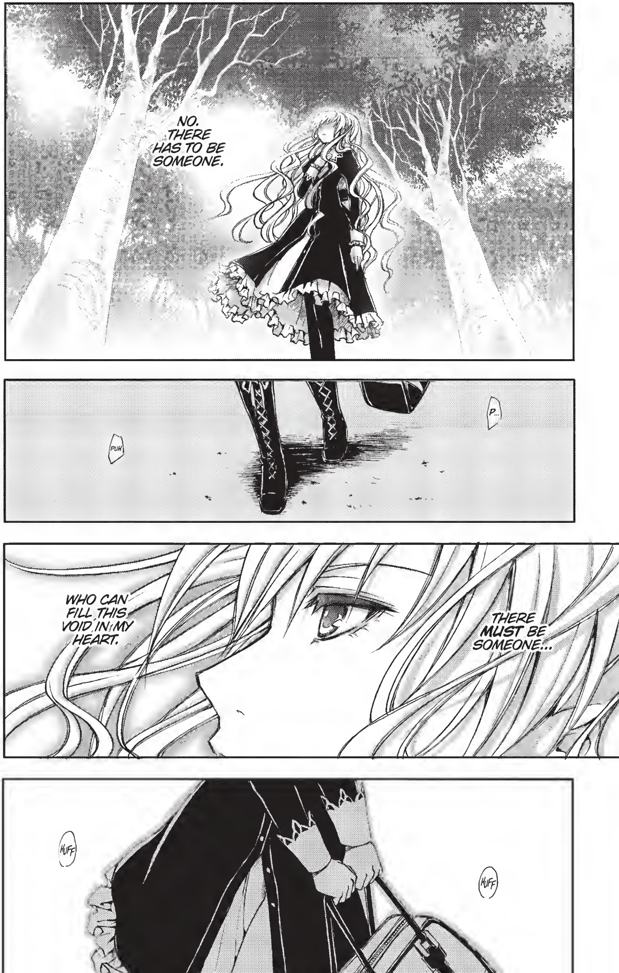
FLOOSH
WHA?!
OH NO! SOMEONE MIGHT SEE MY PANTIES!

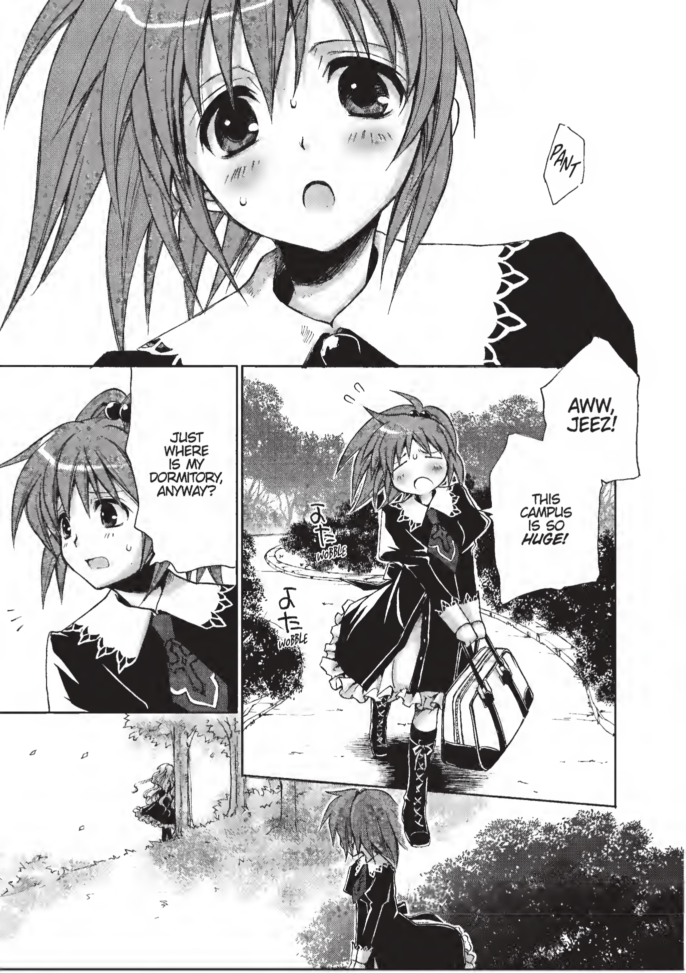

A BRAND-NEW UNIFORM AND A WHOLE NEW SCHOOL TO GO WITH IT.
YES, TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF MY NEW SCHOOL LIFE.
THIS SCHOOL FOR WEALTHY GIRLS MIGHT BE TOO EXCLUSIVE FOR ME, BUT...
I HAVE A FEELING THAT A LOT OF **EXCITING** THINGS AWAIT ME HERE!

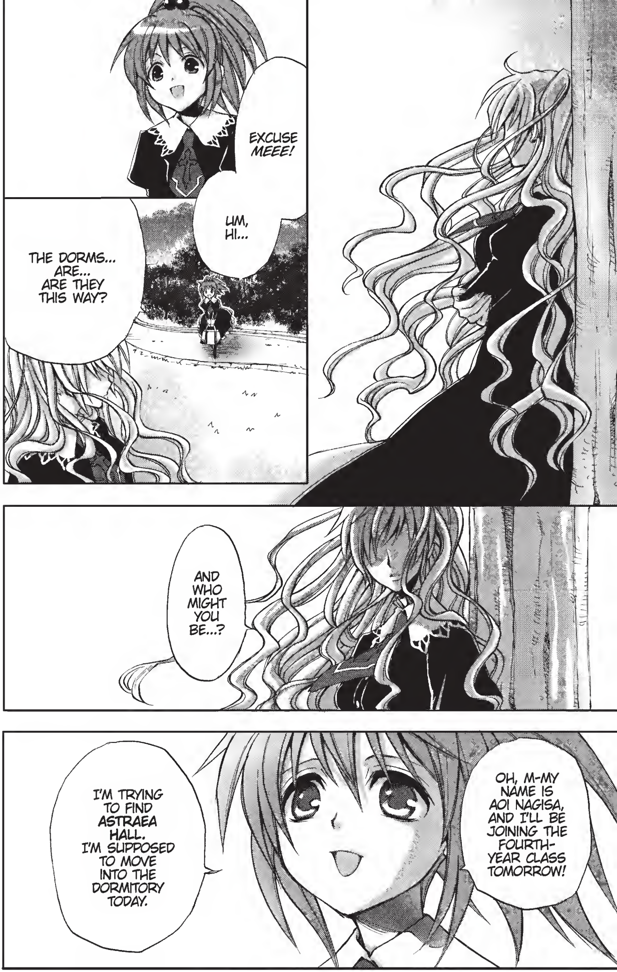

HELLO...
ST. MIATOR GIRLS' ACADEMY!

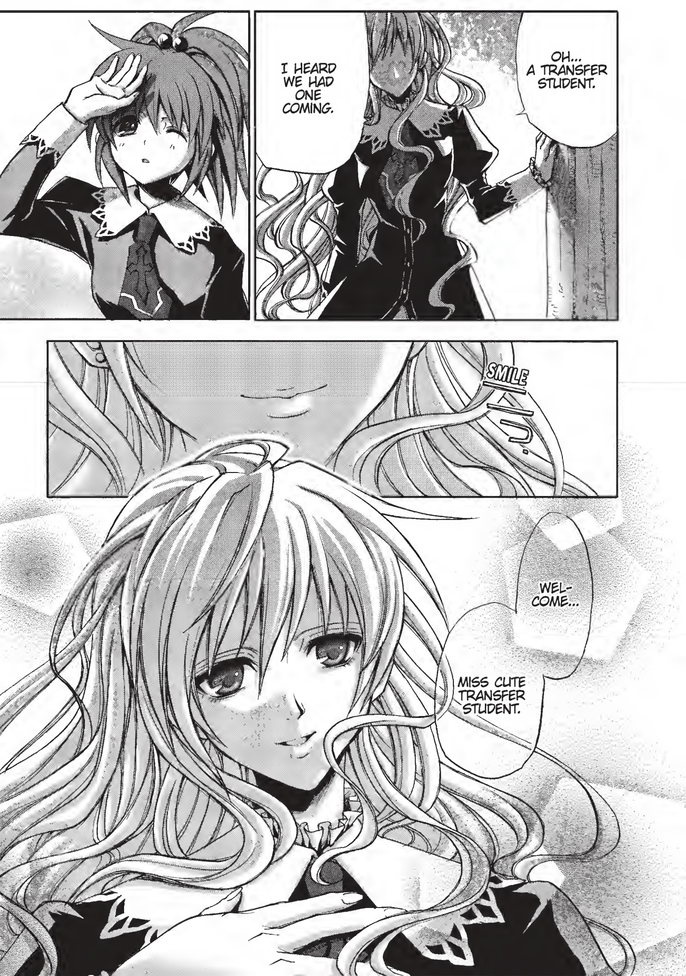

ざあっ
RUSTLE
THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS MUCH TOO CRUEL.
I HAD HOPED...
THAT SHE WOULD BE THE ONE WHO COULD KEEP MY HEART FROM WANDERING AWAY, ONCE AND FOR ALL.
ひらっ
FLOAT

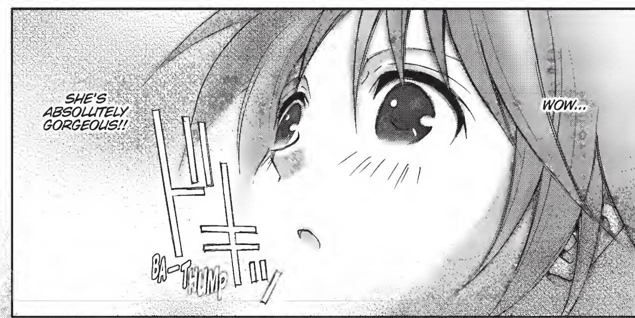

AH, LOOK! IT'S SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA! SQUEE!!
G-GOOD DAY, SHIZUMA-SAMA.
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA, IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU IN HIGH SPIRITS!
WHEN DID I START TO FEEL THIS WAY?
NO MATTER WHAT I DID, OR WHO I'VE BEEN WITH...
NOTHING COULD FILL THAT VOID DEEP IN MY HEART.
SIGH

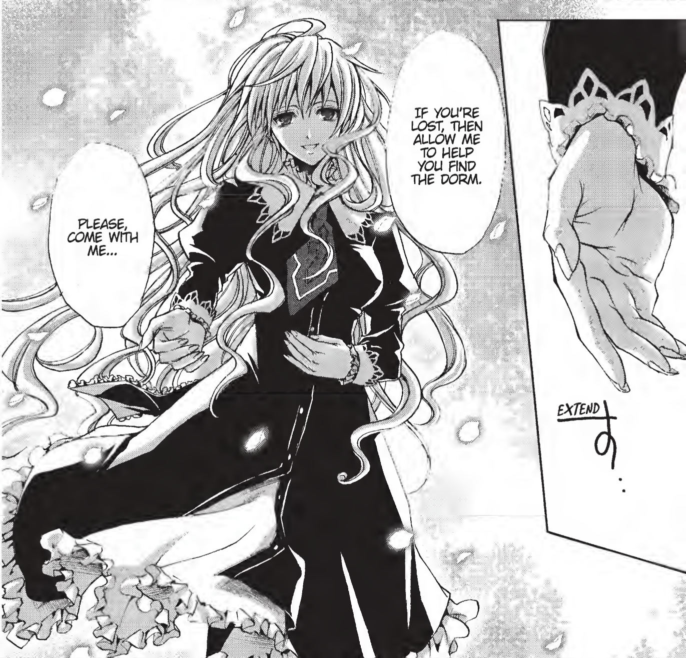

NO. THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE.
P...
PUH
THERE MUST BE SOMEONE...
WHO CAN FILL THIS VOID IN MY HEART.
HUFF
HUFF


PANT
AWW, JEEZ!
THIS CAMPUS IS SO *HUGE!*
よた WOBBLE
よた WOBBLE
JUST WHERE IS MY DORMITORY, ANYWAY?


EXCUSE MEEE!
UM, HI...
THE DORMS... ARE... ARE THEY THIS WAY?
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE...?
OH, M-MY NAME IS AOI NAGISA, AND I'LL BE JOINING THE FOURTH-YEAR CLASS TOMORROW!
I'M TRYING TO FIND **ASTRAEA HALL.** I'M SUPPOSED TO MOVE INTO THE DORMITORY TODAY.


OH... A TRANSFER STUDENT.
I HEARD WE HAD ONE COMING.
SMILE
WEL- COME...
MISS CUTE TRANSFER STUDENT.


WOW...
ドキッ
BA-THUMP
SHE'S ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!!


EXTEND
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IF YOU'RE LOST, THEN ALLOW ME TO HELP YOU FIND THE DORM.
PLEASE, COME WITH ME...

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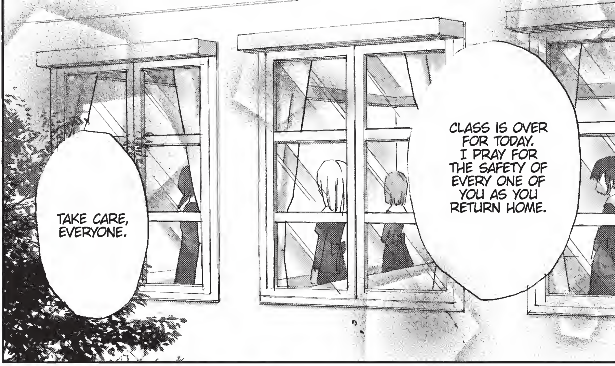
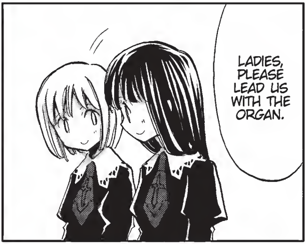
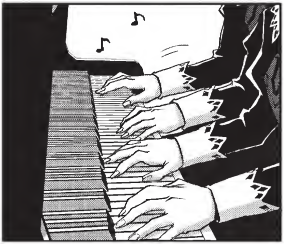
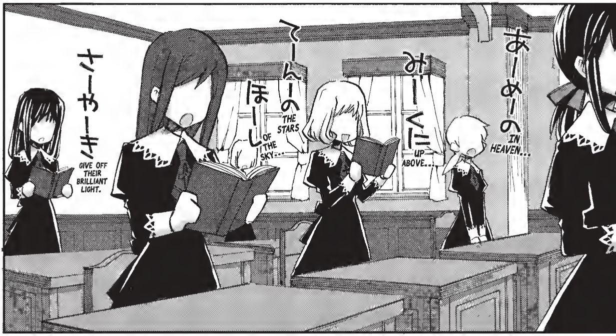
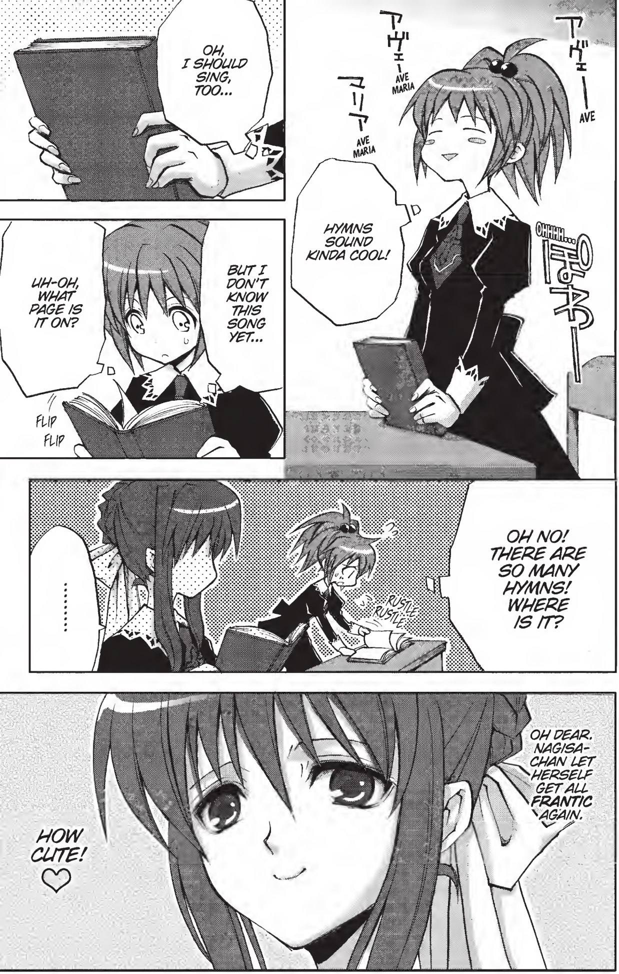
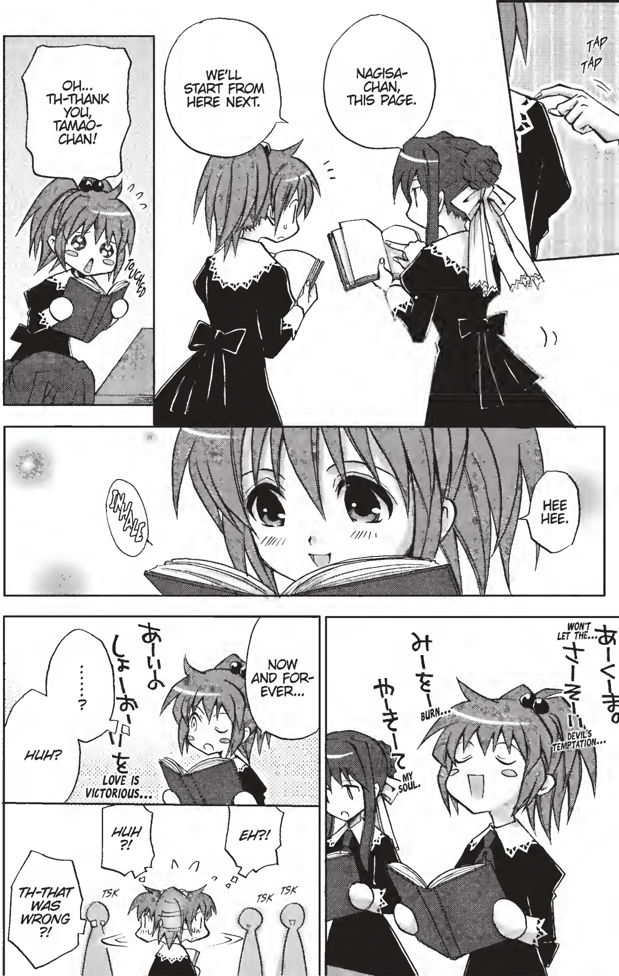

CLASS IS OVER FOR TODAY. I PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERY ONE OF YOU AS YOU RETURN HOME.
TAKE CARE, EVERYONE.

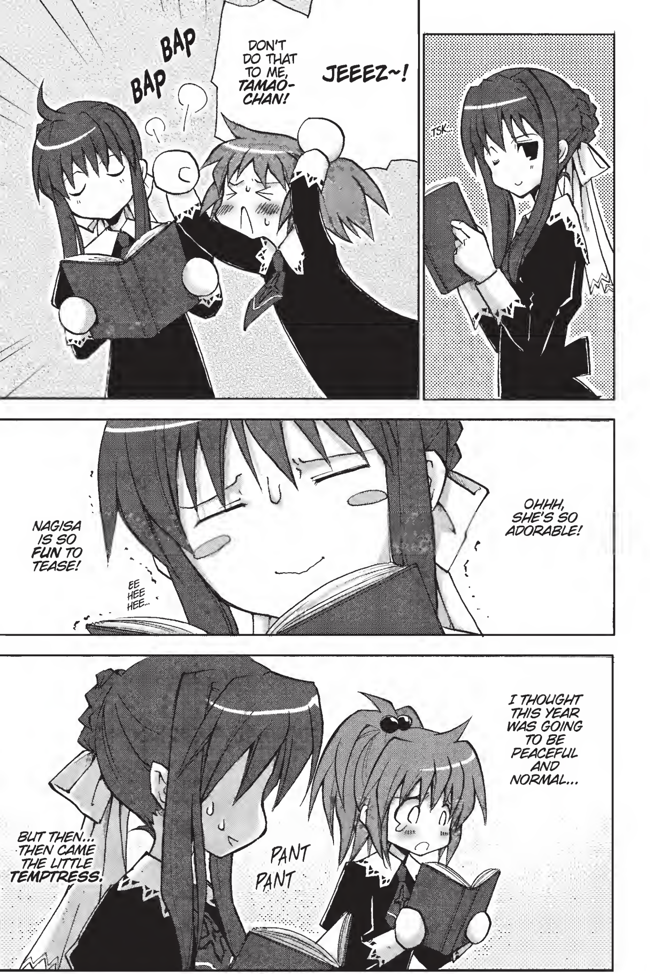

LADIES, PLEASE LEAD US WITH THE ORGAN.

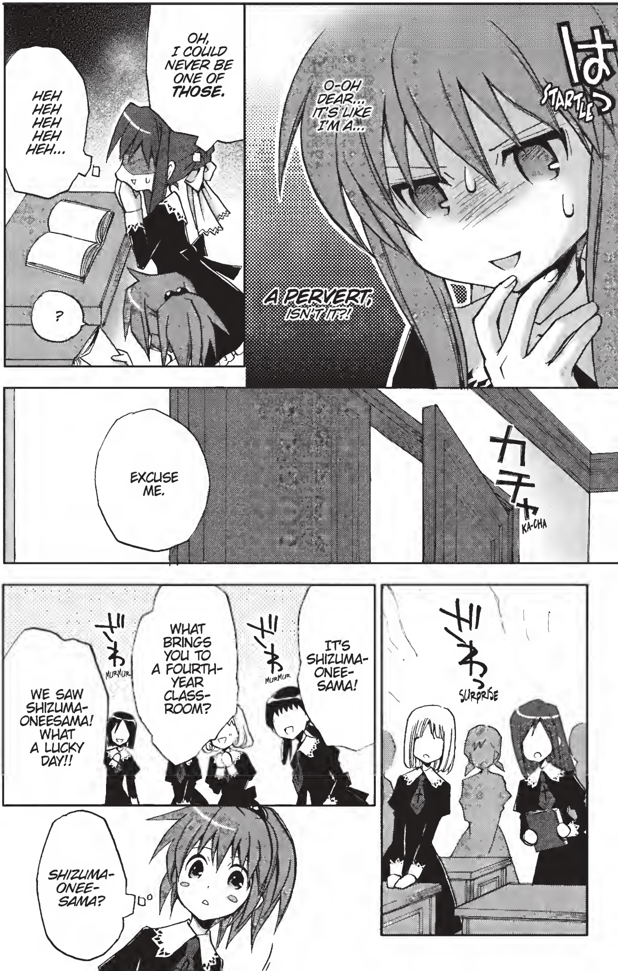



あーめーの
IN HEAVEN...
みーくーに
UP ABOVE...
てーんーの
THE STARS
ほーし
OF THE SKY...
さーやーき
GIVE OFF THEIR BRILLIANT LIGHT.


アヴェー
AVE
アヴェー
AVE MARIA
マリア
AVE MARIA
HYMNS SOUND KINDA COOL!
OHHHH... ぽやー
OH, I SHOULD SING, TOO...
BUT I DON'T KNOW THIS SONG YET...
UH-OH, WHAT PAGE IS IT ON?
FLIP FLIP
OH NO! THERE ARE SO MANY HYMNS! WHERE IS IT?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
......
OH DEAR. NAGISA-CHAN LET HERSELF GET ALL FRANTIC AGAIN.
HOW CUTE! ♡


TAP
TAP
NAGISA-CHAN, THIS PAGE.
WE'LL START FROM HERE NEXT.
OH... TH-THANK YOU, TAMAO-CHAN!
TOUCHED
HEE HEE.
INHALE
あーくーまの
WON'T LET THE...
さーそーいー
DEVIL'S TEMPTATION...
みーをー
BURN...
やーきーてー
MY SOUL.
NOW AND FOR-EVER...
あーいーの
しょーおーりーを
LOVE IS VICTORIOUS...
......?
HUH?
EH?!
HUH?!
TH-THAT WAS WRONG?!
TSK
TSK
TSK


TSK...
JEEEZ~!
DON'T DO THAT TO ME, TAMAO-CHAN!
BAP BAP
OHHH, SHE'S SO ADORABLE!
NAGISA IS SO FUN TO TEASE!
EE HEE HEE...
I THOUGHT THIS YEAR WAS GOING TO BE PEACEFUL AND NORMAL...
PANT PANT
BUT THEN... THEN CAME THE LITTLE TEMPTRESS.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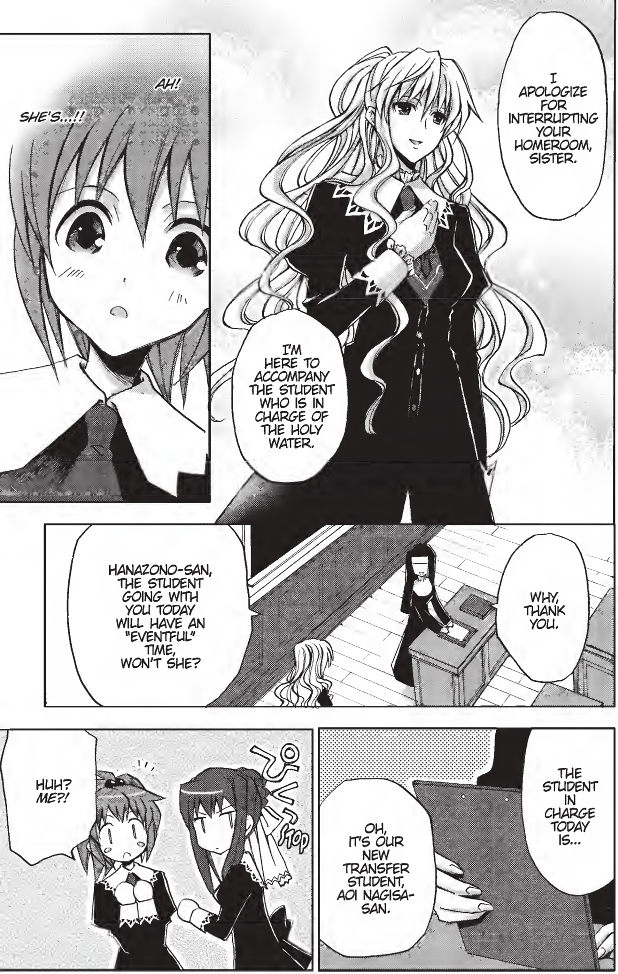
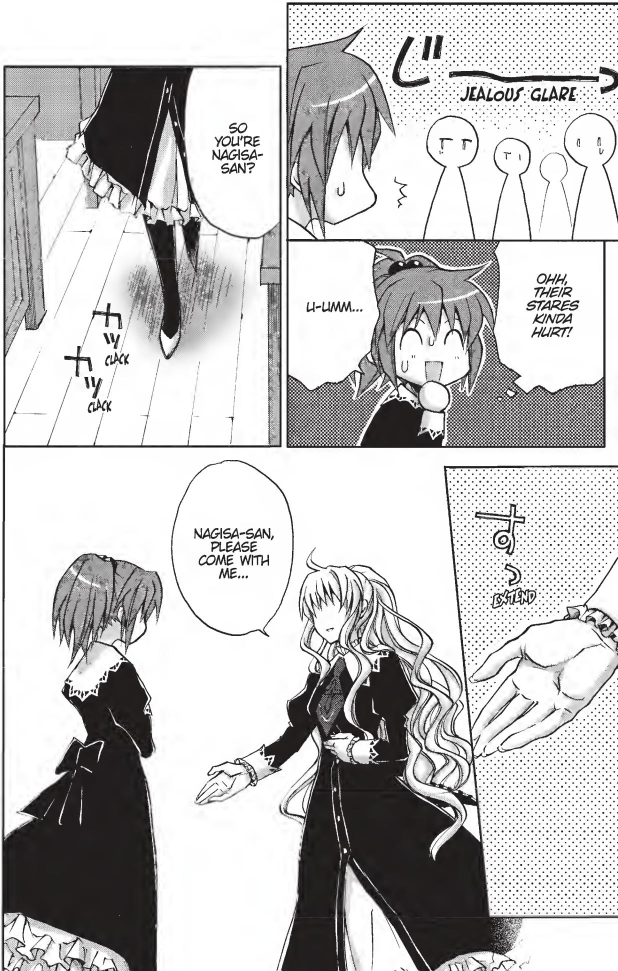
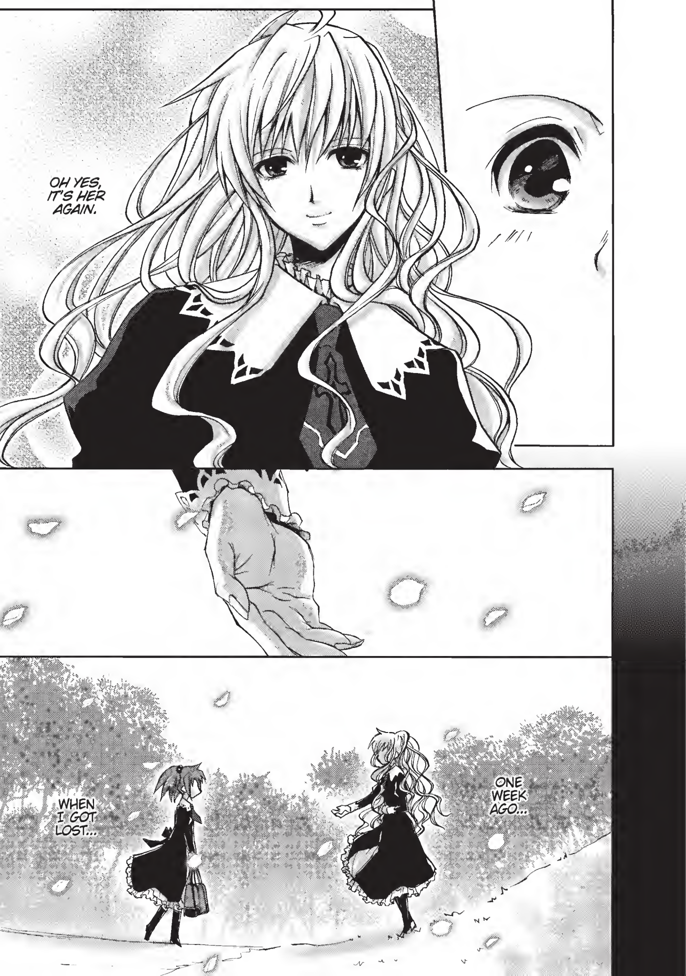
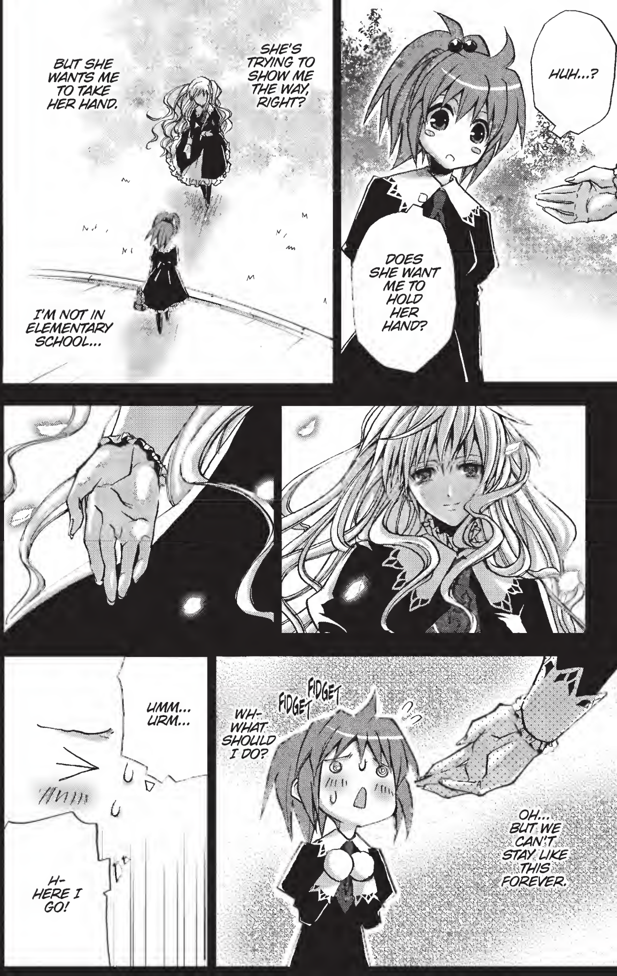
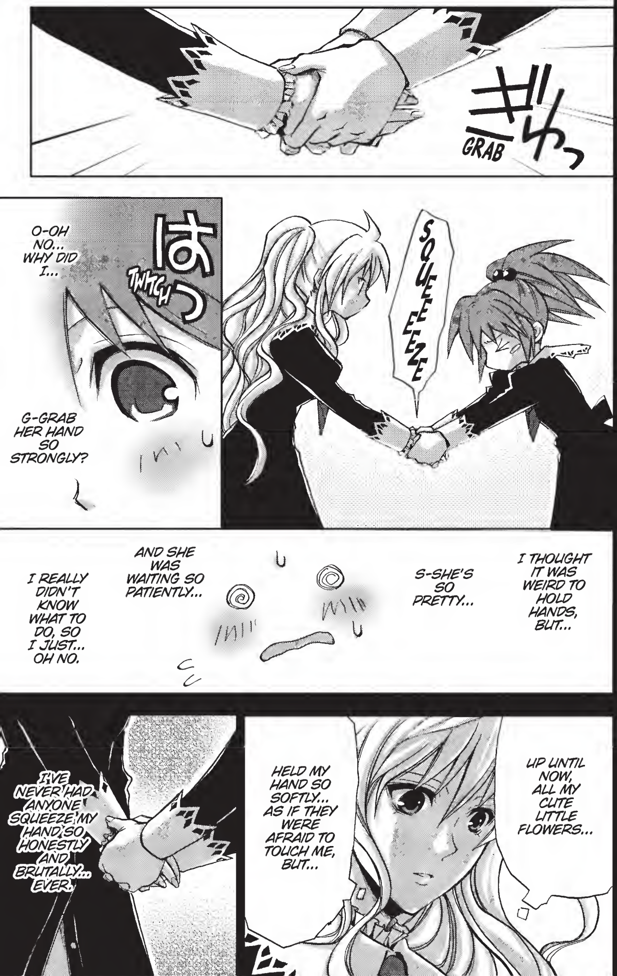
STARTLE
O-OH DEAR... IT'S LIKE I'M A...
A PERVERT, ISN'T IT?!
OH, I COULD NEVER BE ONE OF THOSE.
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...
?
カチャ
KA-CHA
EXCUSE ME.
ざわっ
SURPRISE
IT'S SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA!
ざわ
MURMUR
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO A FOURTH-YEAR CLASSROOM?
ざわ
MURMUR
WE SAW SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA! WHAT A LUCKY DAY!!
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA?

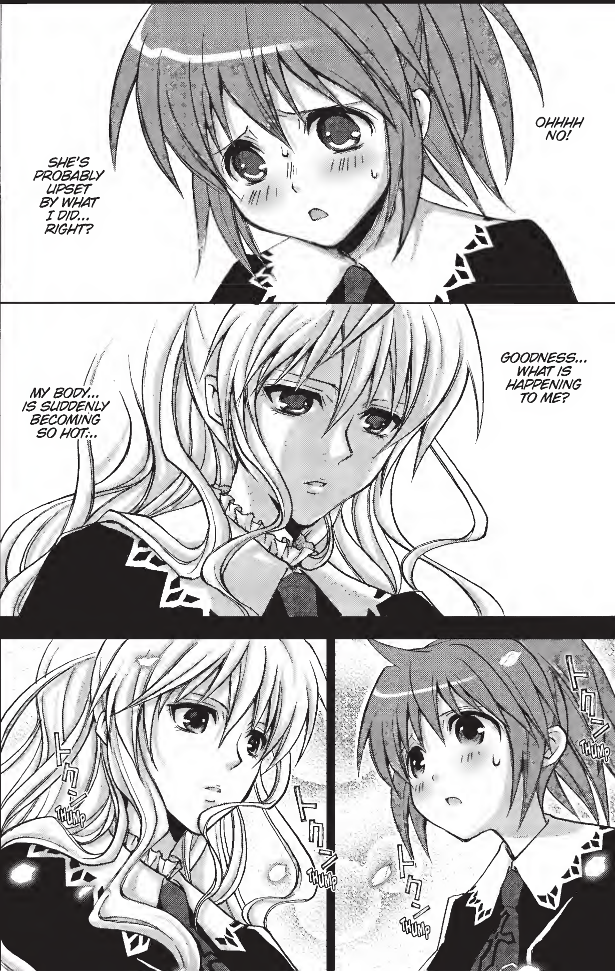

I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR HOMEROOM, SISTER.
I'M HERE TO ACCOMPANY THE STUDENT WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE HOLY WATER.
AH!
SHE'S...!!
WHY, THANK YOU.
HANAZONO-SAN, THE STUDENT GOING WITH YOU TODAY WILL HAVE AN "EVENTFUL" TIME, WON'T SHE?
THE STUDENT IN CHARGE TODAY IS...
OH, IT'S OUR NEW TRANSFER STUDENT, AOI NAGISA-SAN.
STOP
HUH? ME?!

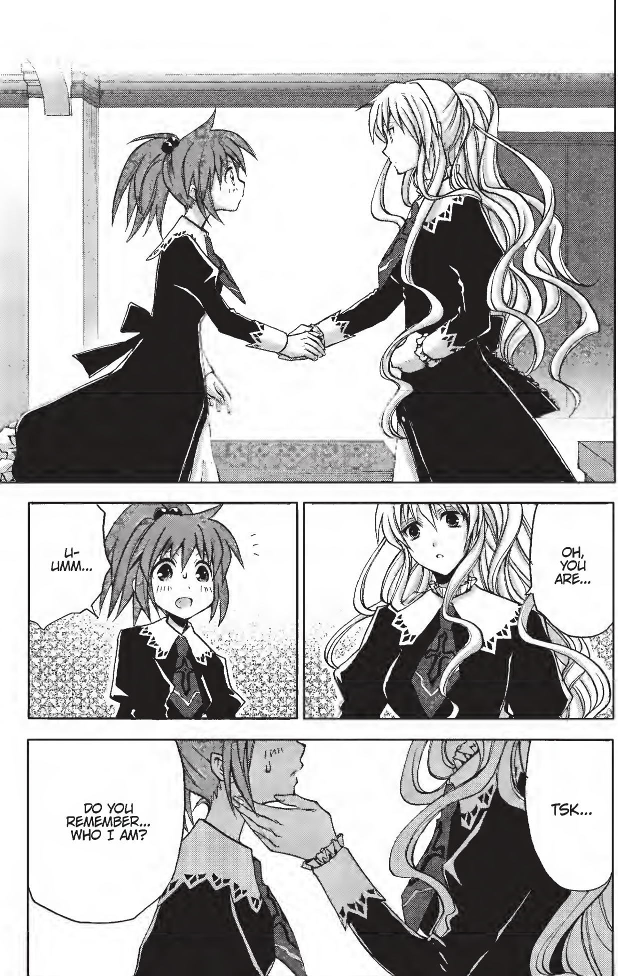

じーっ
JEALOUS GLARE
OHH, THEIR STARES KINDA HURT!
U-UMM...
SO YOU'RE NAGISA-SAN?
カッ
CLACK
カッ
CLACK
すっ
EXTEND
NAGISA-SAN, PLEASE COME WITH ME...

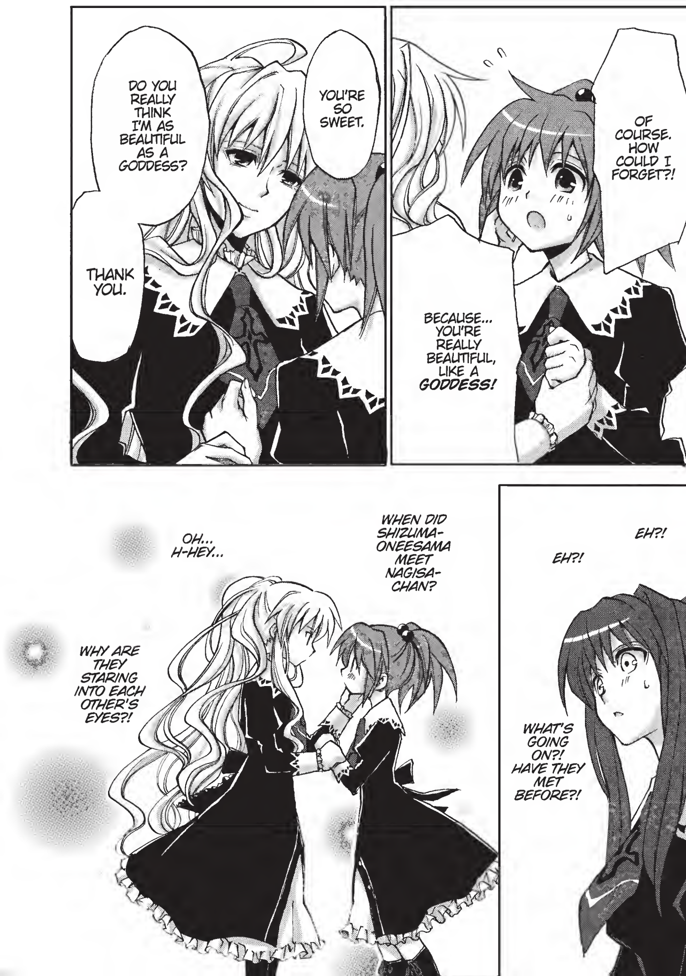

OH YES, IT'S HER AGAIN.
ONE WEEK AGO...
WHEN I GOT LOST...

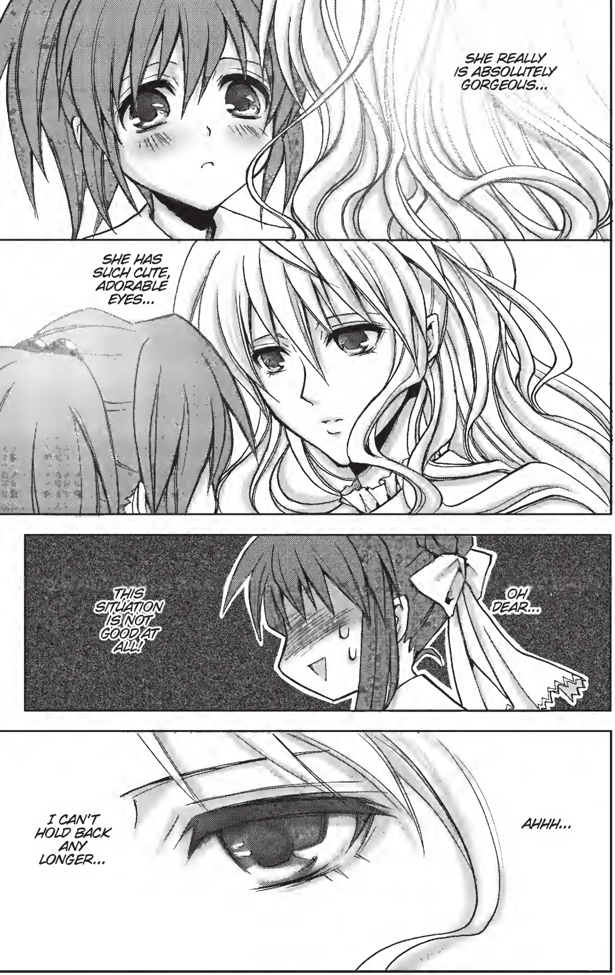

HUH...?
DOES SHE WANT ME TO HOLD HER HAND?
SHE'S TRYING TO SHOW ME THE WAY, RIGHT?
BUT SHE WANTS ME TO TAKE HER HAND.
I'M NOT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
FIDGET FIDGET
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OH... BUT WE CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER.
UMM... URM...
H-HERE I GO!

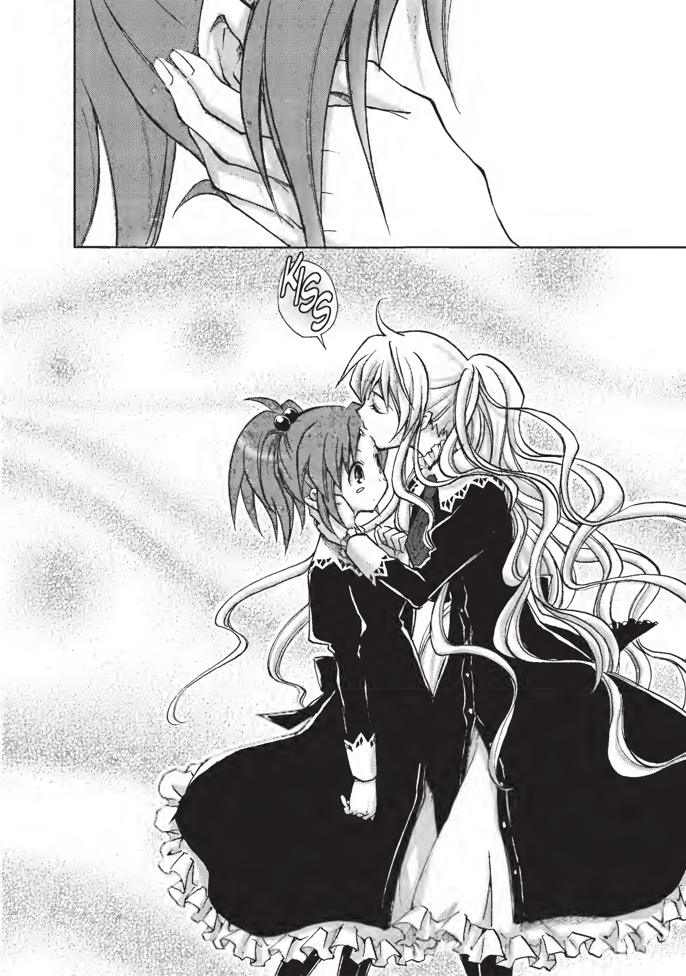

ぎゅっ
GRAB
SQUEEEEEEZE
はっ
TWITCH
O-OH NO... WHY DID I...
G-GRAB HER HAND SO STRONGLY?
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD TO HOLD HANDS, BUT...
S-SHE'S SO PRETTY...
AND SHE WAS WAITING SO PATIENTLY...
I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SO I JUST... OH NO.
UP UNTIL NOW, ALL MY CUTE LITTLE FLOWERS...
HELD MY HAND SO SOFTLY... AS IF THEY WERE AFRAID TO TOUCH ME, BUT...
I'VE NEVER HAD ANYONE SQUEEZE MY HAND SO HONESTLY AND BRUTALLY... EVER.


OHHHH NO!
SHE'S PROBABLY UPSET BY WHAT I DID... RIGHT?
GOODNESS... WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?
MY BODY... IS SUDDENLY BECOMING SO HOT...
トクン THUMP
トクン THUMP
トクン THUMP
トクン THUMP


OH, YOU ARE...
U-UMM...
TSK...
DO YOU REMEMBER... WHO I AM?


OF COURSE. HOW COULD I FORGET?!
BECAUSE... YOU'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL, LIKE A *GODDESS!*
YOU'RE SO SWEET.
DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M AS BEAUTIFUL AS A GODDESS?
THANK YOU.
EH?!
EH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! HAVE THEY MET BEFORE?!
WHEN DID SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA MEET NAGISA-CHAN?
OH... H-HEY...
WHY ARE THEY STARING INTO EACH OTHER'S EYES?!


SHE REALLY IS ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS...
SHE HAS SUCH CUTE, ADORABLE EYES...
OH DEAR...
THIS SITUATION IS NOT GOOD AT ALL!
AHHH...
I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY LONGER...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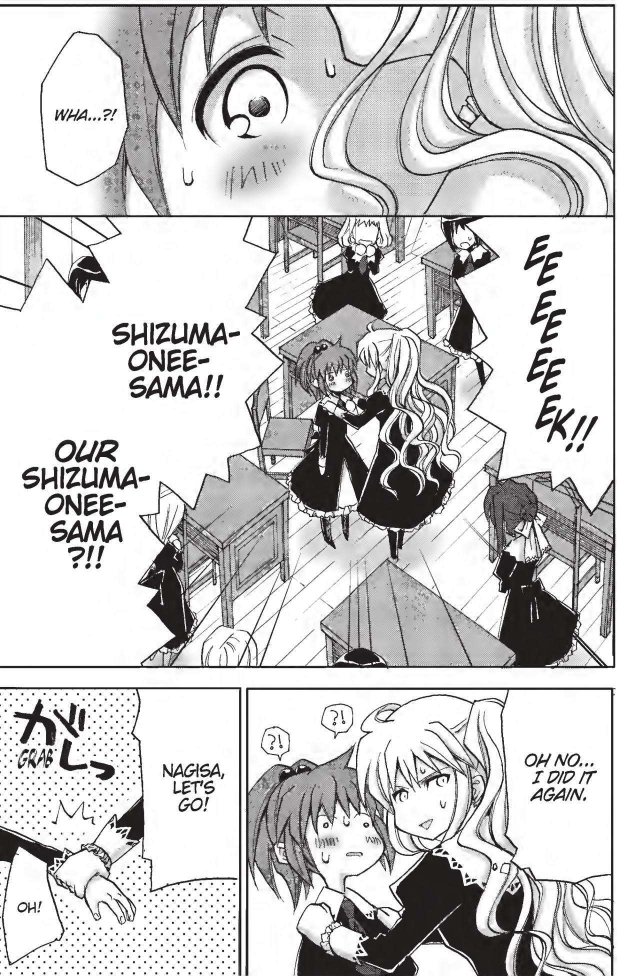
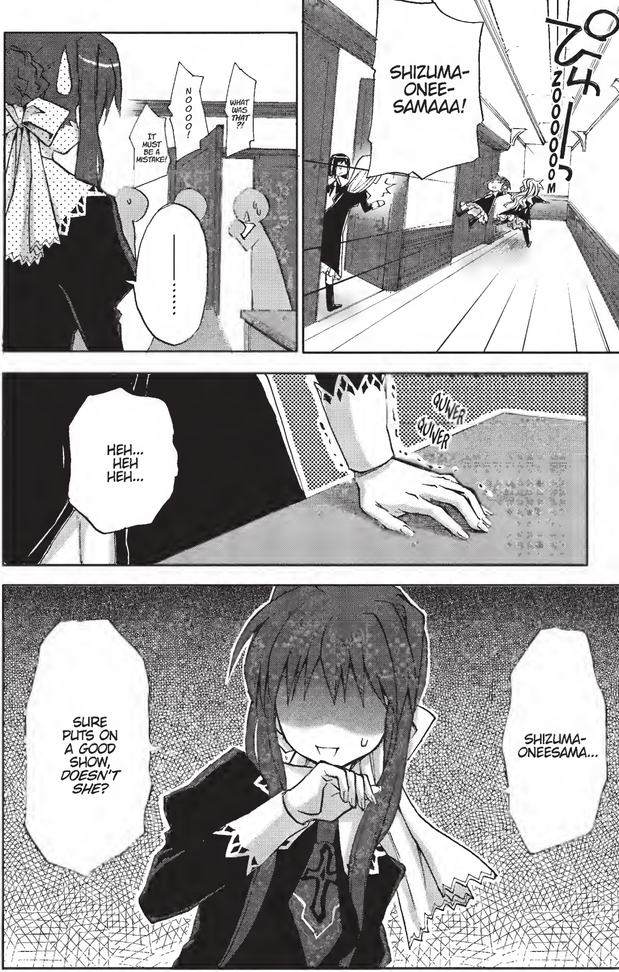

WHA...?!
EEEEEEEEEK!!
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA!!
OUR SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA?!!
?!
?!
OH NO... I DID IT AGAIN.
NAGISA, LET'S GO!
がしっ GRAB
OH!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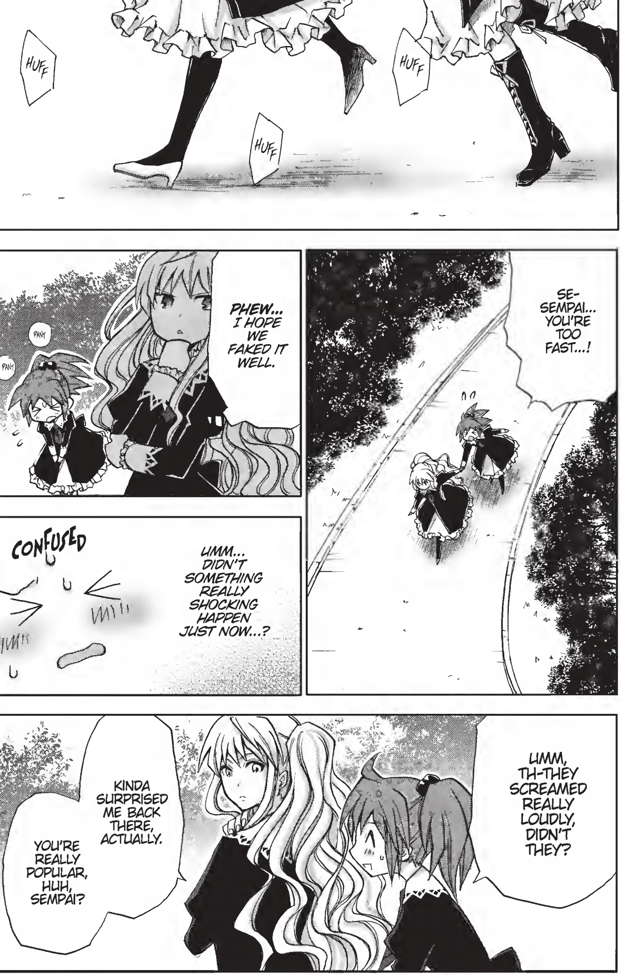
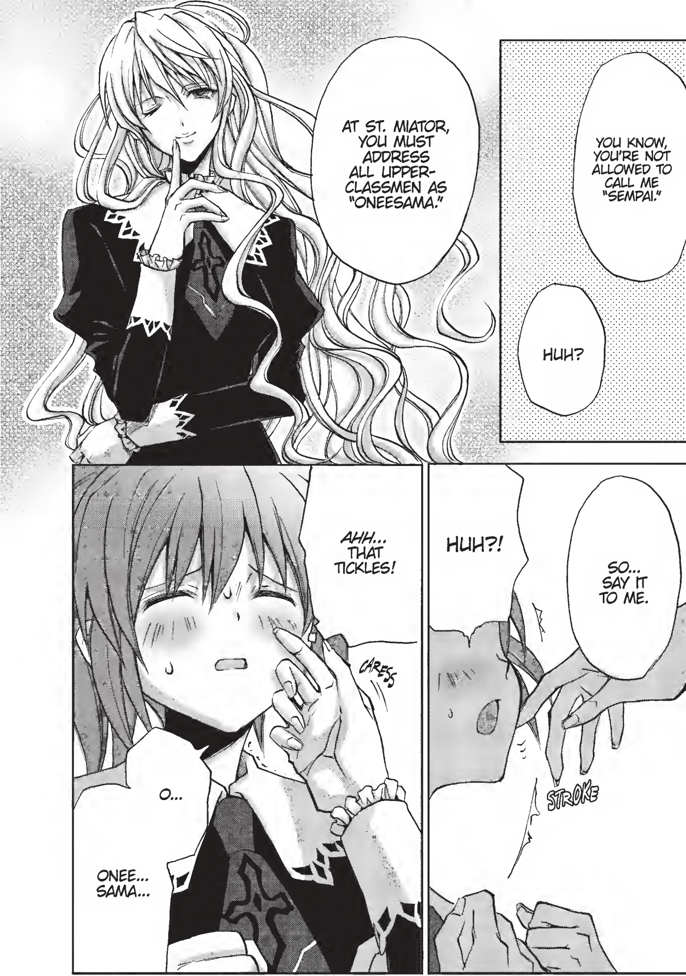
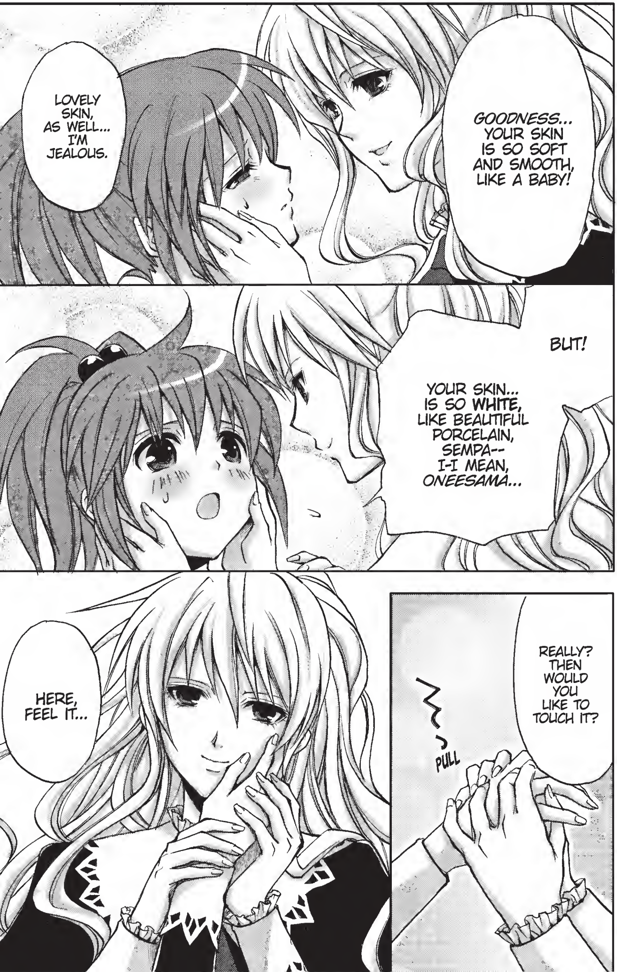
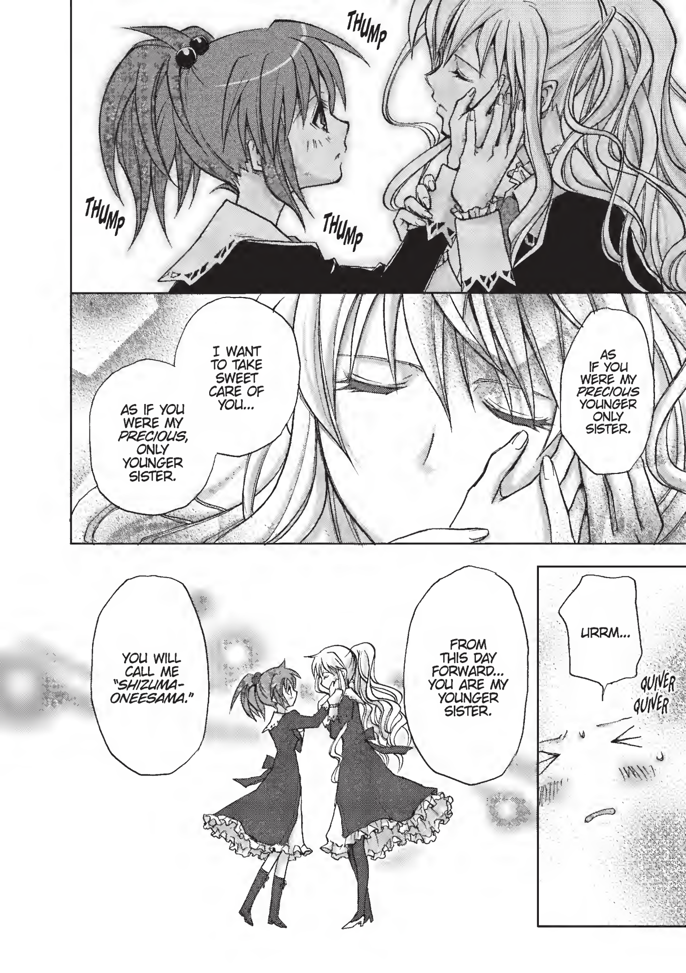
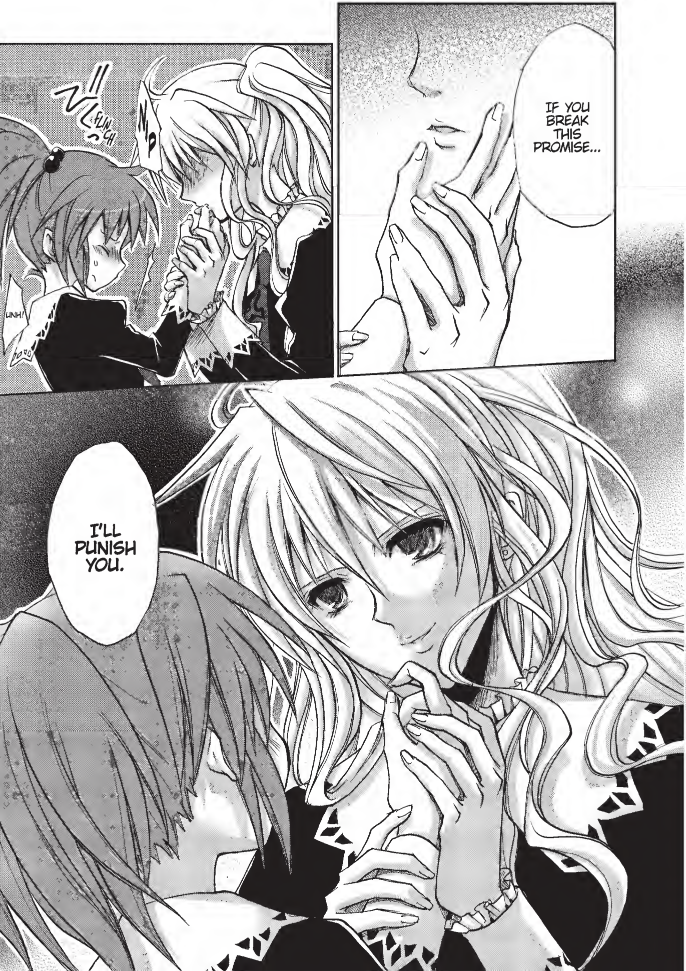
ZOOOOOOOM
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMAAA!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
NOOOOO!
IT MUST BE A MISTAKE!
—......
QUIVER
QUIVER
HEH... HEH HEH...
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA...
SURE PUTS ON A GOOD SHOW, DOESN'T SHE?


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SE-SEMPAI... YOU'RE TOO FAST...!
PHEW... I HOPE WE FAKED IT WELL.
PANT
PANT
UMM... DIDN'T SOMETHING REALLY SHOCKING HAPPEN JUST NOW...?
CONFUSED
UMM, TH-THEY SCREAMED REALLY LOUDLY, DIDN'T THEY?
KINDA SURPRISED ME BACK THERE, ACTUALLY.
YOU'RE REALLY POPULAR, HUH, SEMPAI?


YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO CALL ME "SEMPAI."
HUH?
AT ST. MIATOR, YOU MUST ADDRESS ALL UPPER-CLASSMEN AS "ONEESAMA."
SO... SAY IT TO ME.
HUH?!
STROKE
AHH... THAT TICKLES!
CARESS
O...
ONEE... SAMA...


GOODNESS... YOUR SKIN IS SO SOFT AND SMOOTH, LIKE A BABY!
LOVELY SKIN, AS WELL... I'M JEALOUS.
BUT!
YOUR SKIN... IS SO WHITE, LIKE BEAUTIFUL PORCELAIN, SEMPA-- I-I MEAN, ONEESAMA...
REALLY? THEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO TOUCH IT?
PULL
HERE, FEEL IT...


THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
AS IF YOU WERE MY *PRECIOUS* YOUNGER ONLY SISTER.
I WANT TO TAKE SWEET CARE OF YOU...
AS IF YOU WERE MY *PRECIOUS*, ONLY YOUNGER SISTER.
URRM...
QUIVER QUIVER
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD... YOU ARE MY YOUNGER SISTER.
YOU WILL CALL ME "*SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA.*"


IF YOU BREAK THIS PROMISE...
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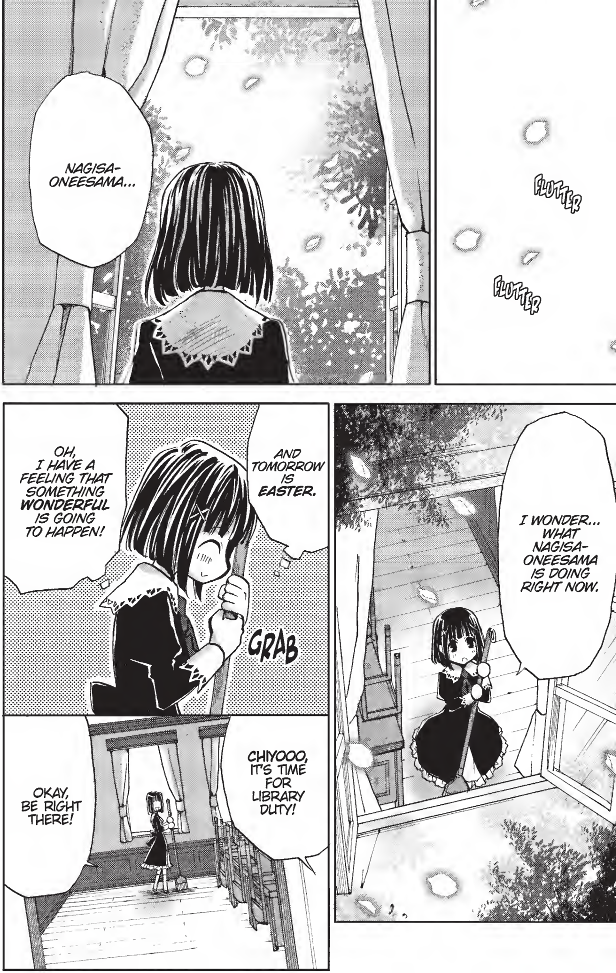
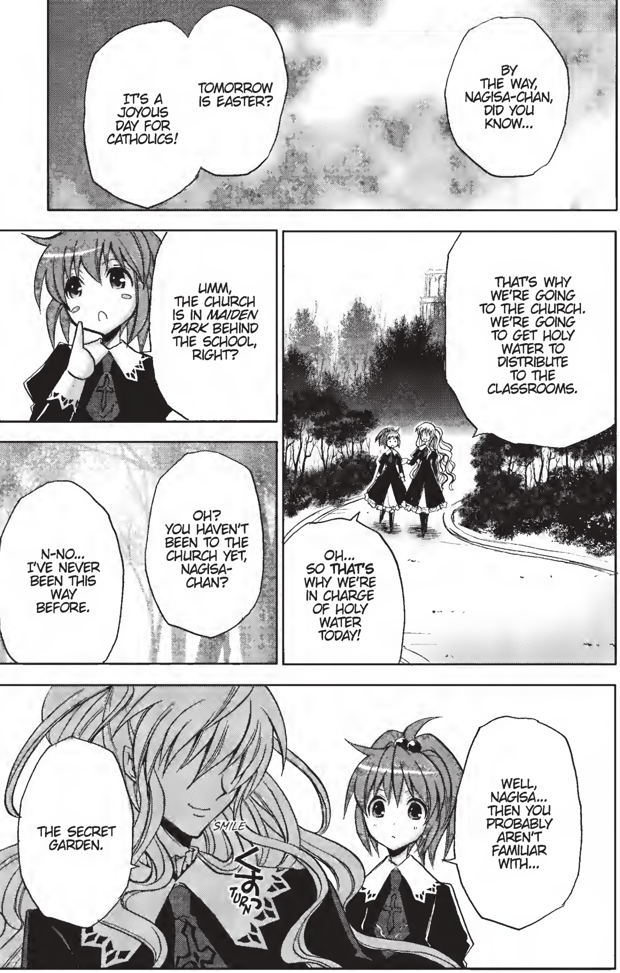
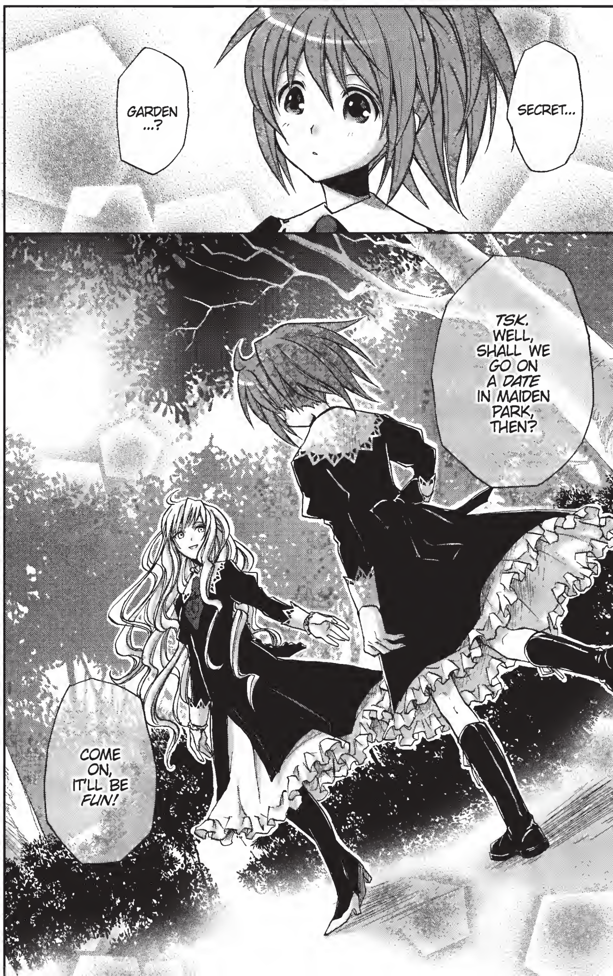
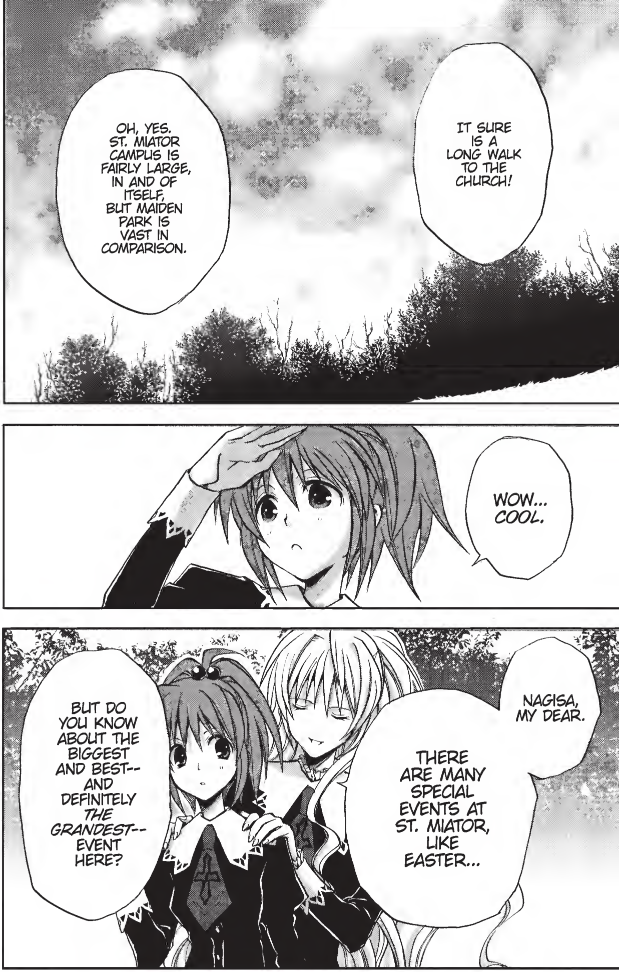
NIP
FLINCH
UNH!
I'LL PUNISH YOU.

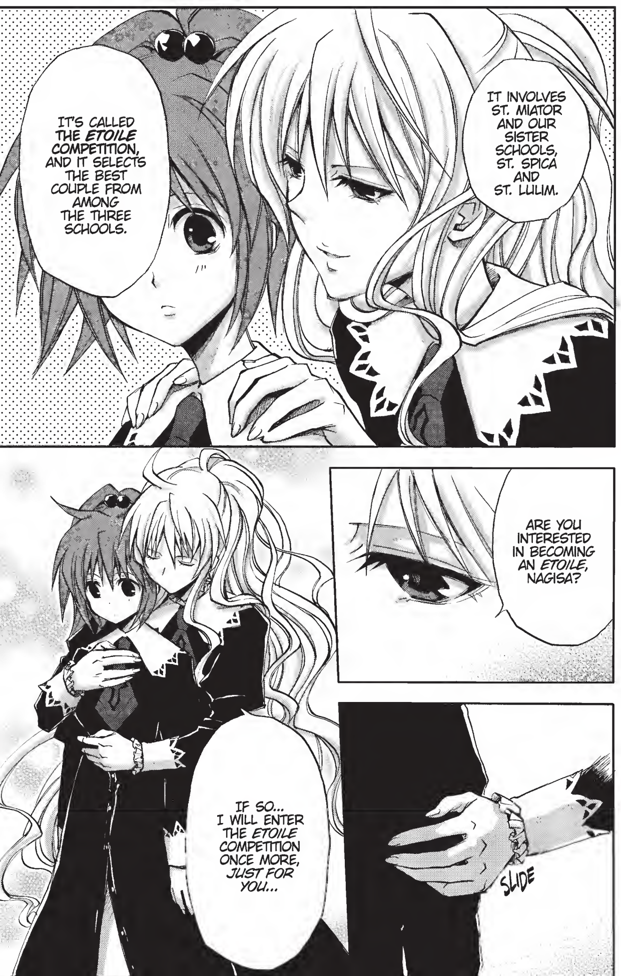

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
NAGISA-ONEESAMA...
I WONDER... WHAT NAGISA-ONEESAMA IS DOING RIGHT NOW.
AND TOMORROW IS EASTER.
OH, I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMETHING **WONDERFUL** IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
GRAB
CHIYOOO, IT'S TIME FOR LIBRARY DUTY!
OKAY, BE RIGHT THERE!

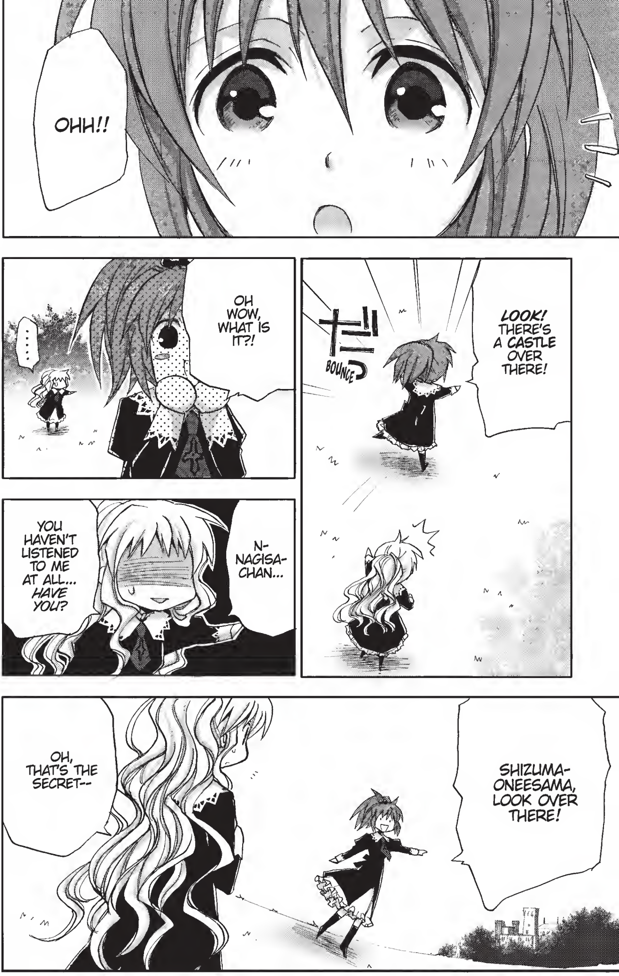

BY THE WAY, NAGISA-CHAN, DID YOU KNOW...
TOMORROW IS EASTER?
IT'S A JOYOUS DAY FOR CATHOLICS!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO THE CHURCH. WE'RE GOING TO GET HOLY WATER TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE CLASSROOMS.
OH... SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN CHARGE OF HOLY WATER TODAY!
UMM, THE CHURCH IS IN *MAIDEN PARK* BEHIND THE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
OH? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE CHURCH YET, NAGISA-CHAN?
N-NO... I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE.
WELL, NAGISA... THEN YOU PROBABLY AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH...
SMILE
くすっ
TURN
THE SECRET GARDEN.

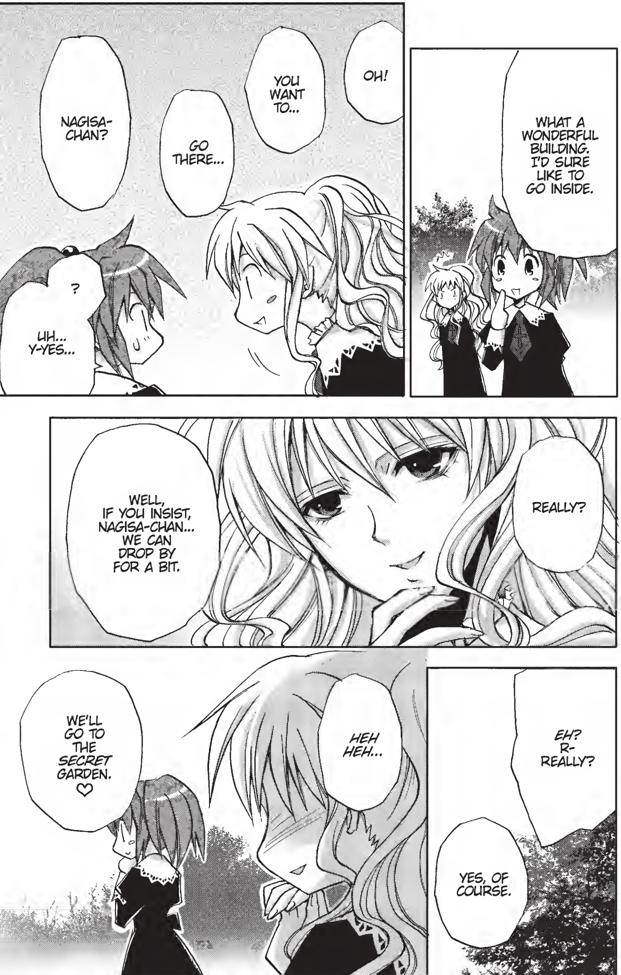

SECRET...
GARDEN ...?
TSK. WELL, SHALL WE GO ON A *DATE* IN MAIDEN PARK, THEN?
COME ON, IT'LL BE *FUN!*

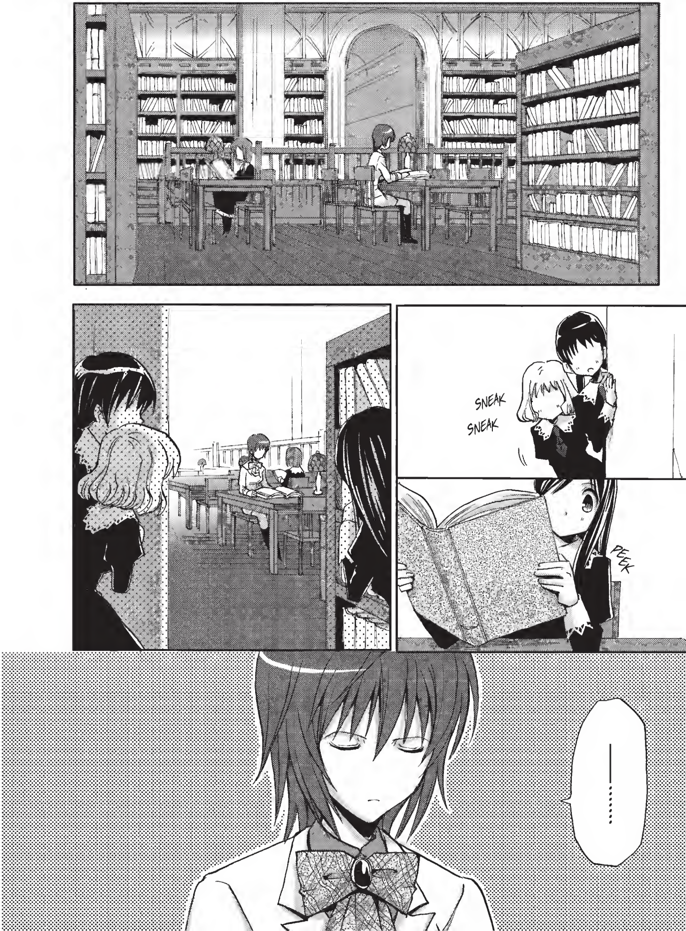
Chapter 3: The Secret Garden

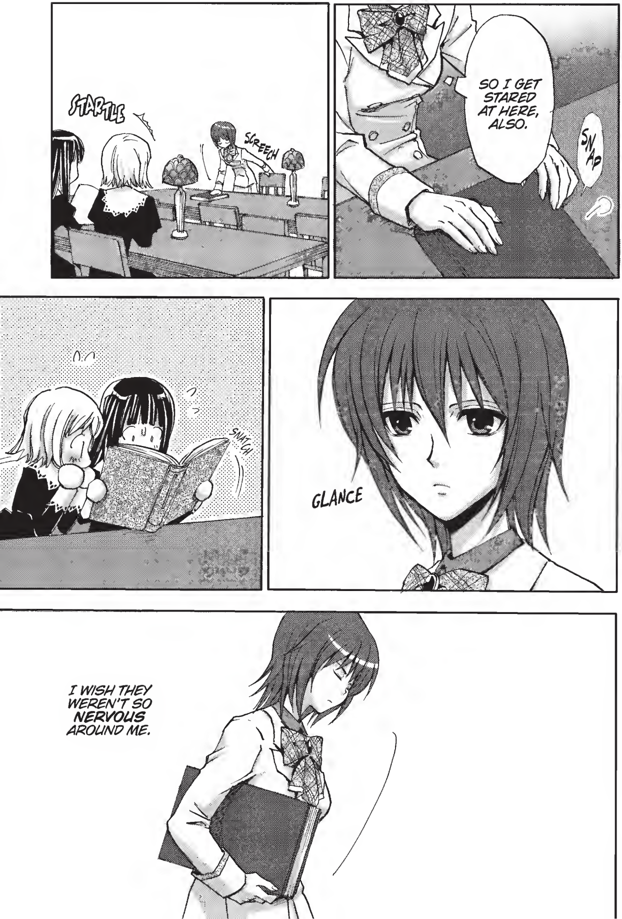

IT SURE IS A LONG WALK TO THE CHURCH!
OH, YES. ST. MIATOR CAMPUS IS FAIRLY LARGE, IN AND OF ITSELF, BUT MAIDEN PARK IS VAST IN COMPARISON.
WOW... COOL.
NAGISA, MY DEAR.
THERE ARE MANY SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. MIATOR, LIKE EASTER...
BUT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BIGGEST AND BEST-- AND DEFINITELY *THE GRANDEST*-- EVENT HERE?

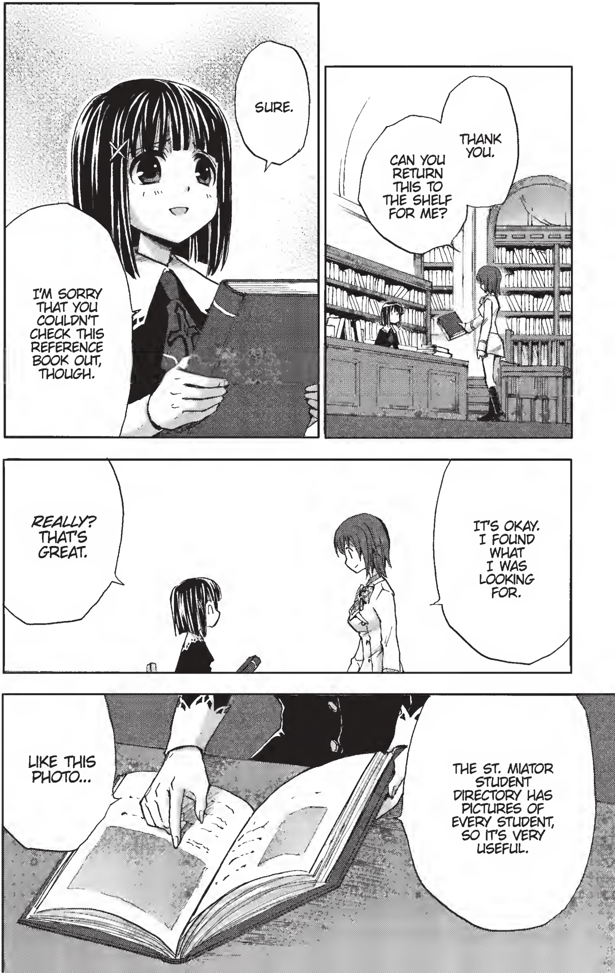

IT INVOLVES ST. MIATOR AND OUR SISTER SCHOOLS, ST. SPICA AND ST. LULIM.
IT'S CALLED THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION, AND IT SELECTS THE BEST COUPLE FROM AMONG THE THREE SCHOOLS.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN *ETOILE*, NAGISA?
IF SO... I WILL ENTER THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION ONCE MORE, *JUST FOR YOU...*
SLIDE

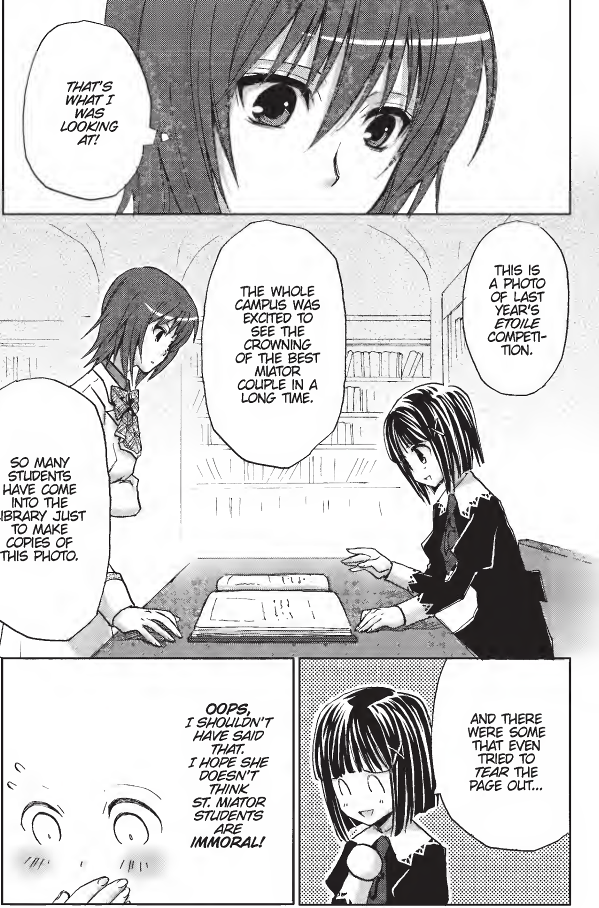

OHH!!
LOOK! THERE'S A CASTLE OVER THERE!
BOUNCE
OH WOW, WHAT IS IT?!
......
N-NAGISA-CHAN...
YOU HAVEN'T LISTENED TO ME AT ALL... HAVE YOU?
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA, LOOK OVER THERE!
OH, THAT'S THE SECRET--

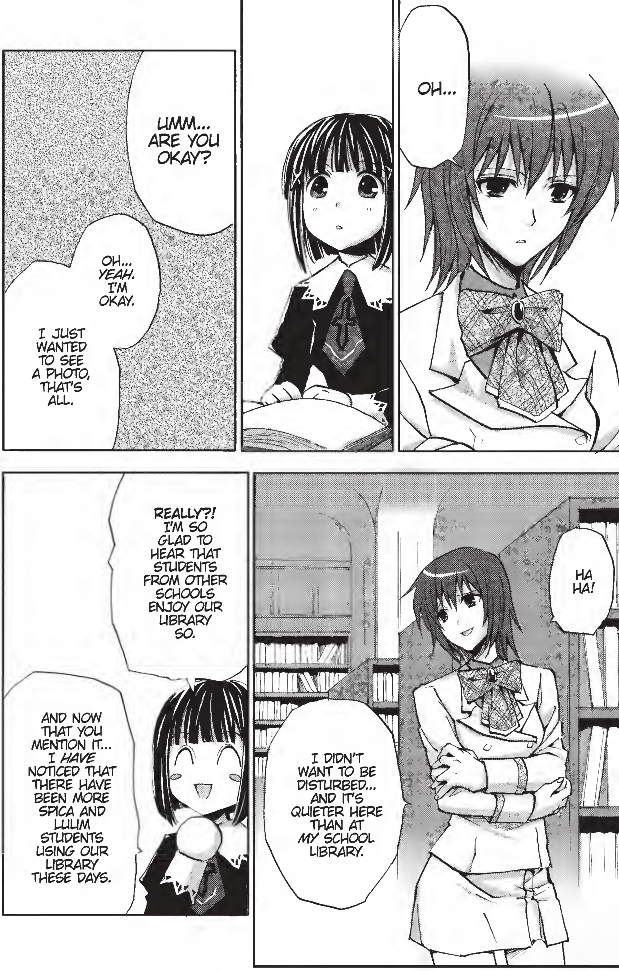

WHAT A WONDERFUL BUILDING. I'D SURE LIKE TO GO INSIDE.
OH!
YOU WANT TO...
GO THERE...
NAGISA-CHAN?
?
UH... Y-YES...
REALLY?
WELL, IF YOU INSIST, NAGISA-CHAN... WE CAN DROP BY FOR A BIT.
EH? R-REALLY?
YES, OF COURSE.
HEH HEH...
WE'LL GO TO THE SECRET GARDEN. ♡

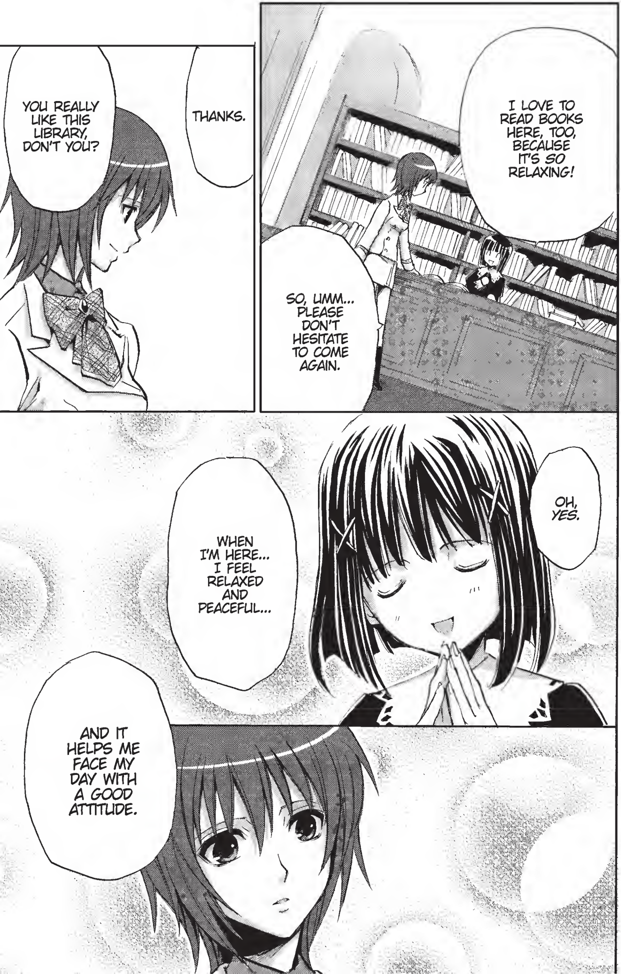

SNEAK
SNEAK
PEEK
—......

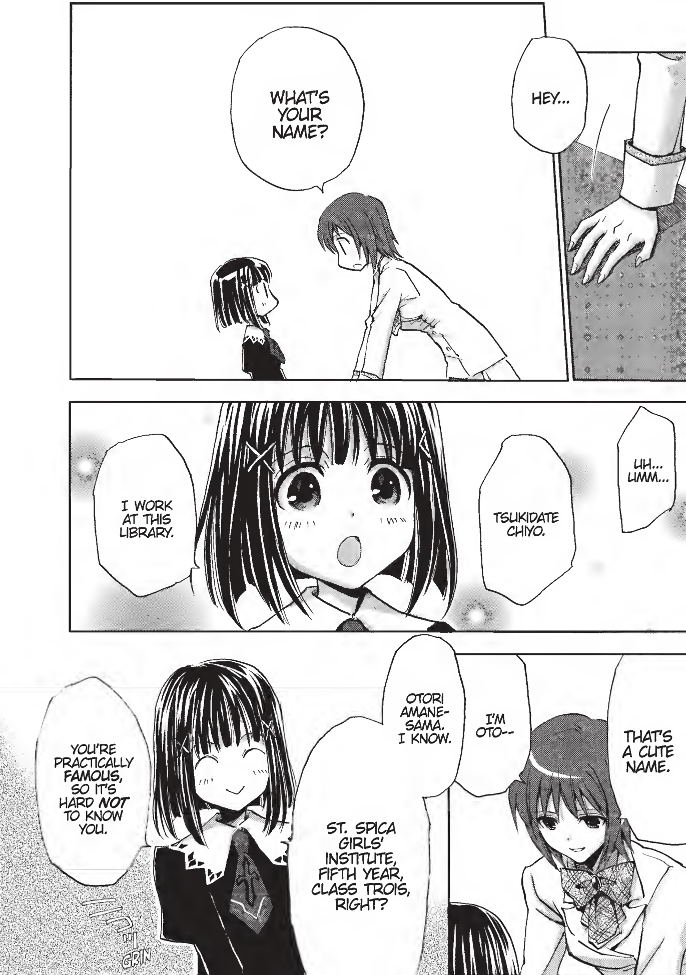

SO I GET STARED AT HERE, ALSO.
SNAP
STARTLE
SCREECH
GLANCE
SNATCH
I WISH THEY WEREN'T SO **NERVOUS** AROUND ME.

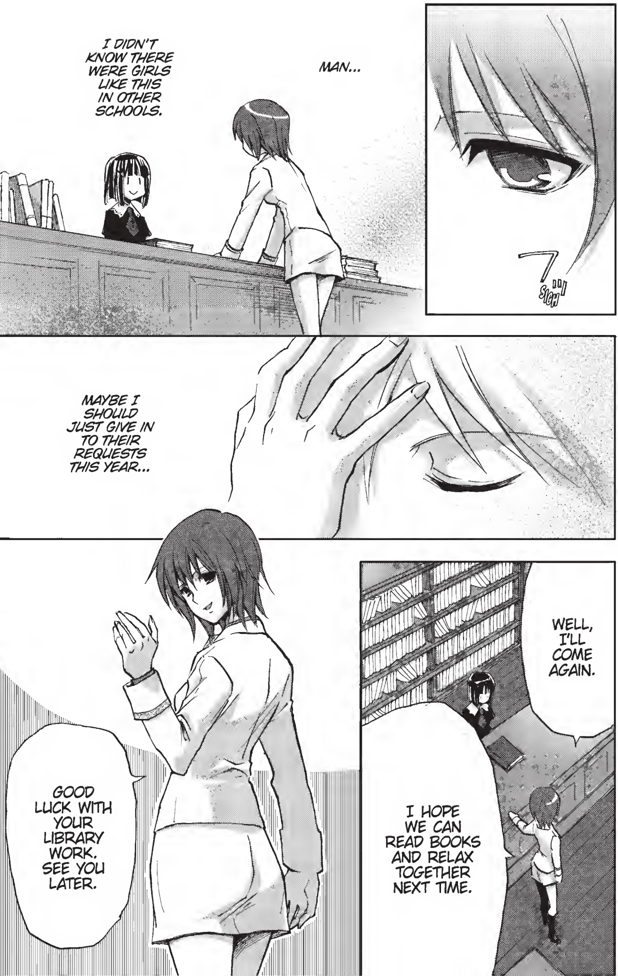

THANK YOU.
CAN YOU RETURN THIS TO THE SHELF FOR ME?
SURE.
I'M SORRY THAT YOU COULDN'T CHECK THIS REFERENCE BOOK OUT, THOUGH.
IT'S OKAY. I FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT.
THE ST. MIATOR STUDENT DIRECTORY HAS PICTURES OF EVERY STUDENT, SO IT'S VERY USEFUL.
LIKE THIS PHOTO...

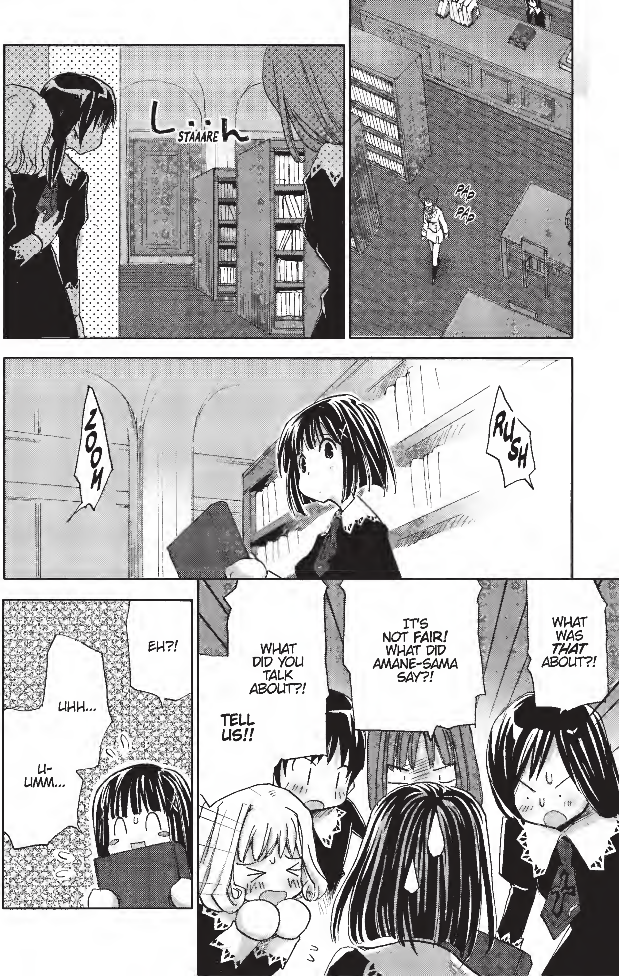

THAT'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING AT!
THIS IS A PHOTO OF LAST YEAR'S *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
THE WHOLE CAMPUS WAS EXCITED TO SEE THE CROWNING OF THE BEST MIATOR COUPLE IN A LONG TIME.
SO MANY STUDENTS HAVE COME INTO THE LIBRARY JUST TO MAKE COPIES OF THIS PHOTO.
AND THERE WERE SOME THAT EVEN TRIED TO *TEAR* THE PAGE OUT...
OOPS, I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT. I HOPE SHE DOESN'T THINK ST. MIATOR STUDENTS ARE **IMMORAL!**

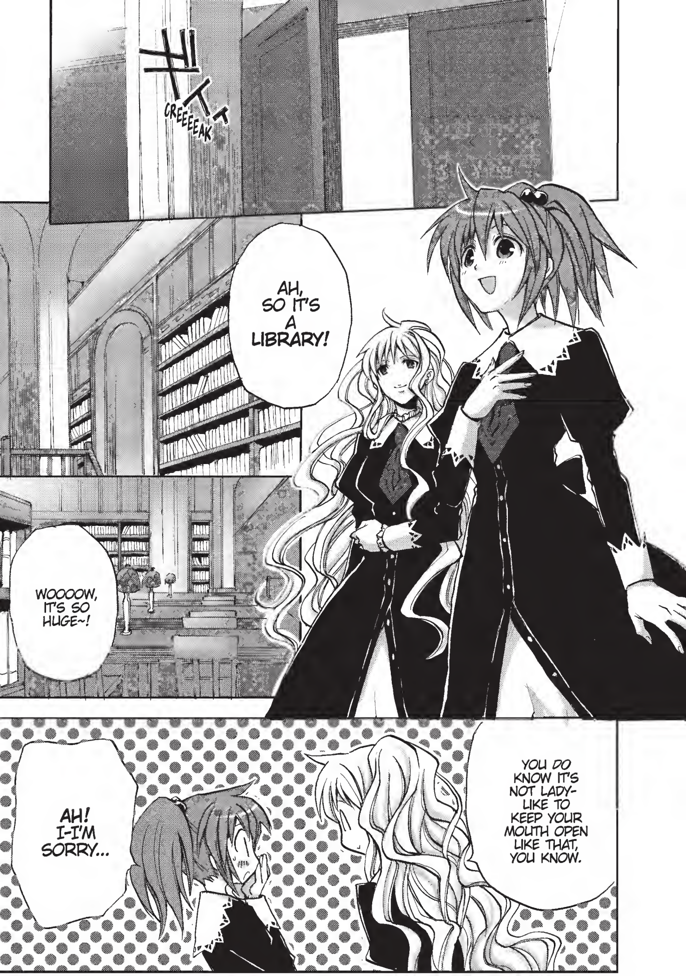

OH...
UMM... ARE YOU OKAY?
OH... *YEAH.* I'M OKAY.
I JUST WANTED TO SEE A PHOTO, THAT'S ALL.
HA HA!
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED... AND IT'S QUIETER HERE THAN AT *MY* SCHOOL LIBRARY.
REALLY?! I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ENJOY OUR LIBRARY SO.
AND NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... I *HAVE* NOTICED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MORE SPICA AND LULIM STUDENTS USING OUR LIBRARY THESE DAYS.

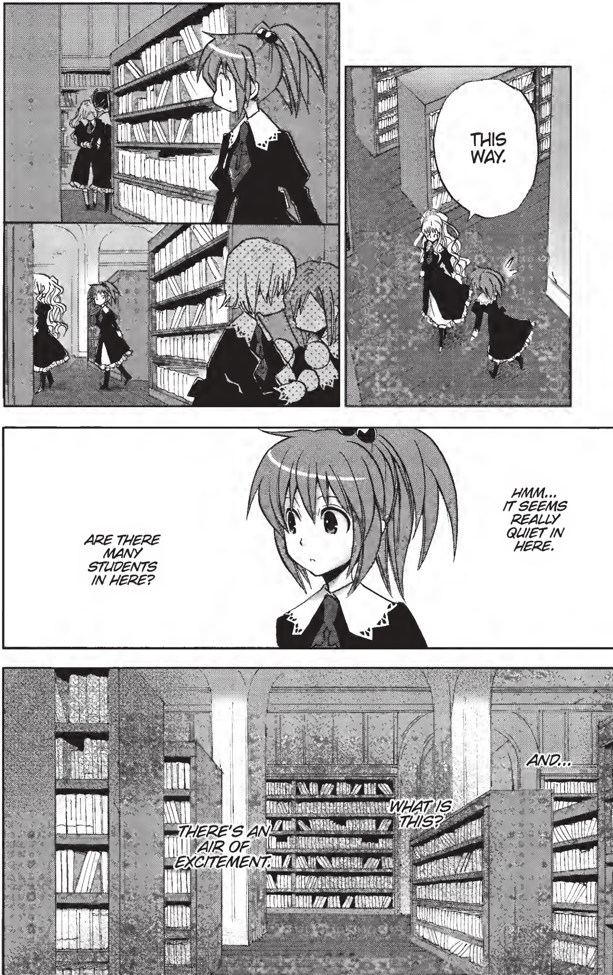

I LOVE TO READ BOOKS HERE, TOO, BECAUSE IT'S *SO* RELAXING!
SO, UMM... PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO COME AGAIN.
THANKS.
YOU REALLY LIKE THIS LIBRARY, DON'T YOU?
OH, YES.
WHEN I'M HERE... I FEEL RELAXED AND PEACEFUL...
AND IT HELPS ME FACE MY DAY WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE.

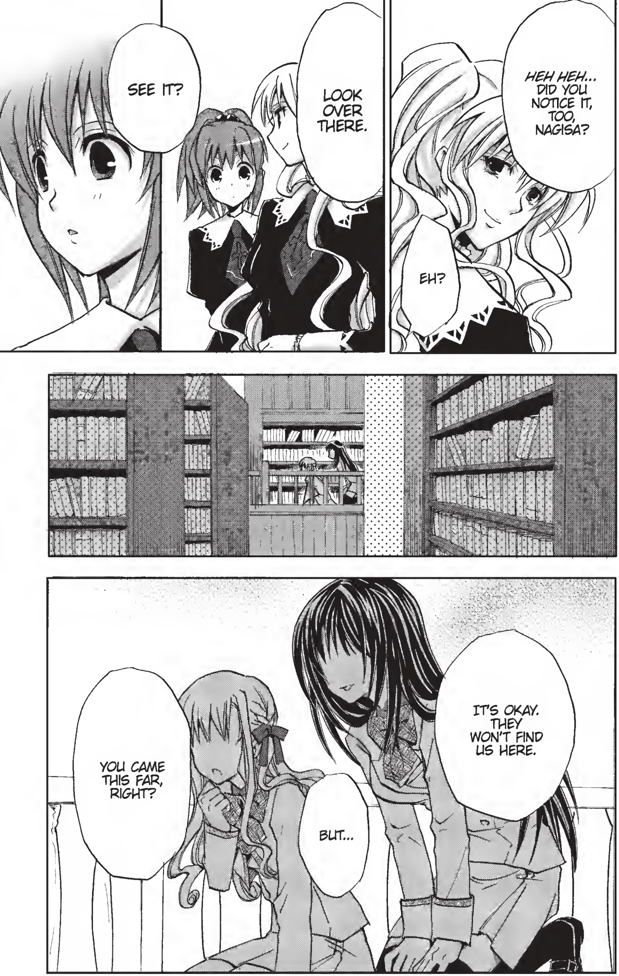

HEY...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
UH... UMM...
TSUKIDATE CHIYO.
I WORK AT THIS LIBRARY.
THAT'S A CUTE NAME.
I'M OTO--
OTORI AMANE-SAMA. I KNOW.
ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE, FIFTH YEAR, CLASS TROIS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE PRACTICALLY FAMOUS, SO IT'S HARD NOT TO KNOW YOU.
GRIN

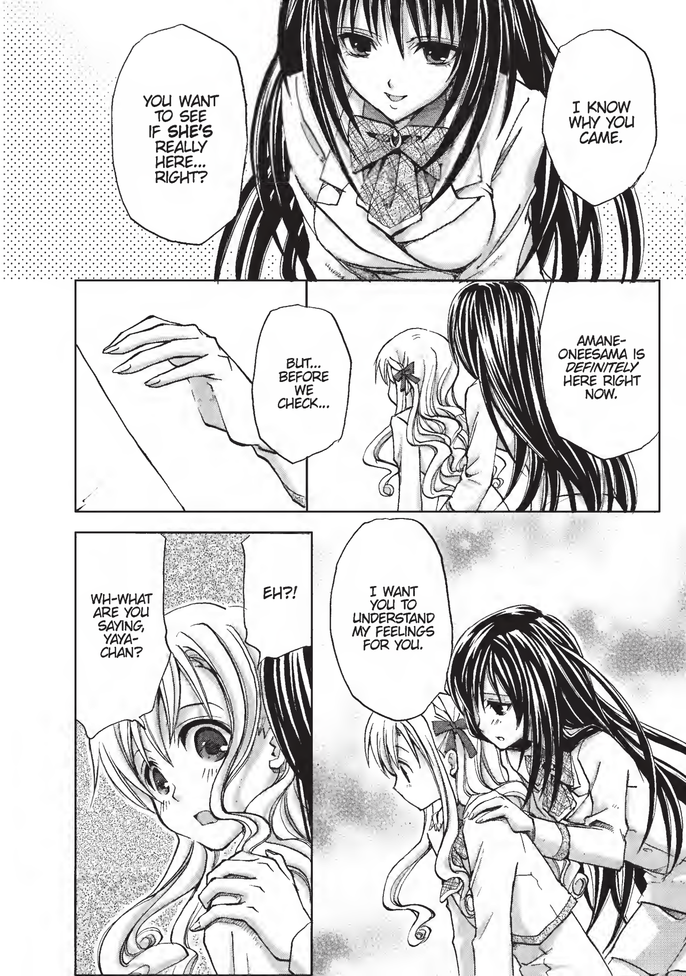

SIGH
MAN...
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE GIRLS LIKE THIS IN OTHER SCHOOLS.
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GIVE IN TO THEIR REQUESTS THIS YEAR...
WELL, I'LL COME AGAIN.
I HOPE WE CAN READ BOOKS AND RELAX TOGETHER NEXT TIME.
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR LIBRARY WORK. SEE YOU LATER.

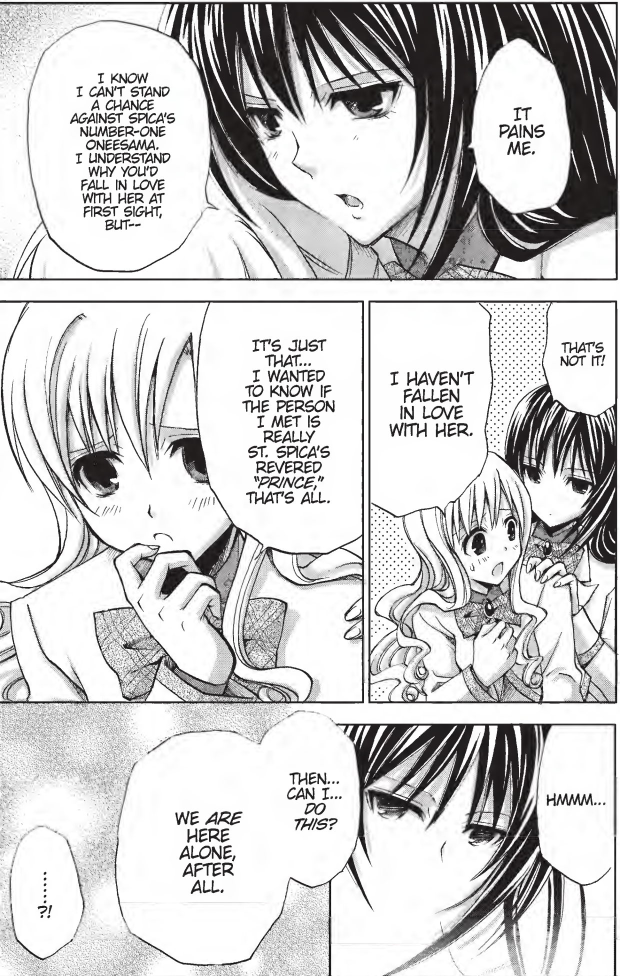

PAP PAP
STAAARE
RUSH
ZOOM
WHAT WAS *THAT* ABOUT?!
IT'S NOT **FAIR**! WHAT DID AMANE-SAMA SAY?!
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?!
TELL US!!
EH?!
UHH...
U-UMM...

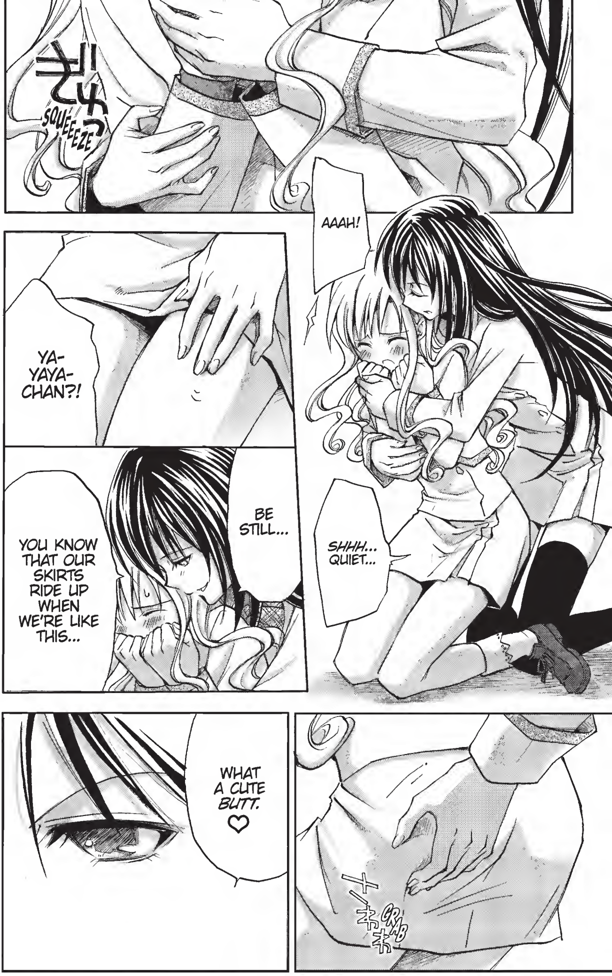

CREEEEAK
AH, SO IT'S A LIBRARY!
WOOOOW, IT'S SO HUGE~!
YOU *DO* KNOW IT'S NOT LADY-LIKE TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH OPEN LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW.
AH! I-I'M SORRY...


THIS WAY.
HMM... IT SEEMS REALLY QUIET IN HERE.
ARE THERE MANY STUDENTS IN HERE?
AND...
WHAT IS THIS?
THERE'S AN AIR OF EXCITEMENT.


HEH HEH... DID YOU NOTICE IT, TOO, NAGISA?
EH?
LOOK OVER THERE.
SEE IT?
IT'S OKAY. THEY WON'T FIND US HERE.
BUT...
YOU CAME THIS FAR, RIGHT?


I KNOW WHY YOU CAME.
YOU WANT TO SEE IF SHE'S REALLY HERE... RIGHT?
AMANE-ONEESAMA IS *DEFINITELY* HERE RIGHT NOW.
BUT... BEFORE WE CHECK...
I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.
EH?!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YAYA-CHAN?


IT PAINS ME.
I KNOW I CAN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST SPICA'S NUMBER-ONE ONEESAMA. I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D FALL IN LOVE WITH HER AT FIRST SIGHT, BUT--
THAT'S NOT IT!
I HAVEN'T FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER.
IT'S JUST THAT... I WANTED TO KNOW IF THE PERSON I MET IS REALLY ST. SPICA'S REVERED *"PRINCE,"* THAT'S ALL.
HMMM...
THEN... CAN I... *DO THIS?*
WE *ARE* HERE ALONE, AFTER ALL.
......?!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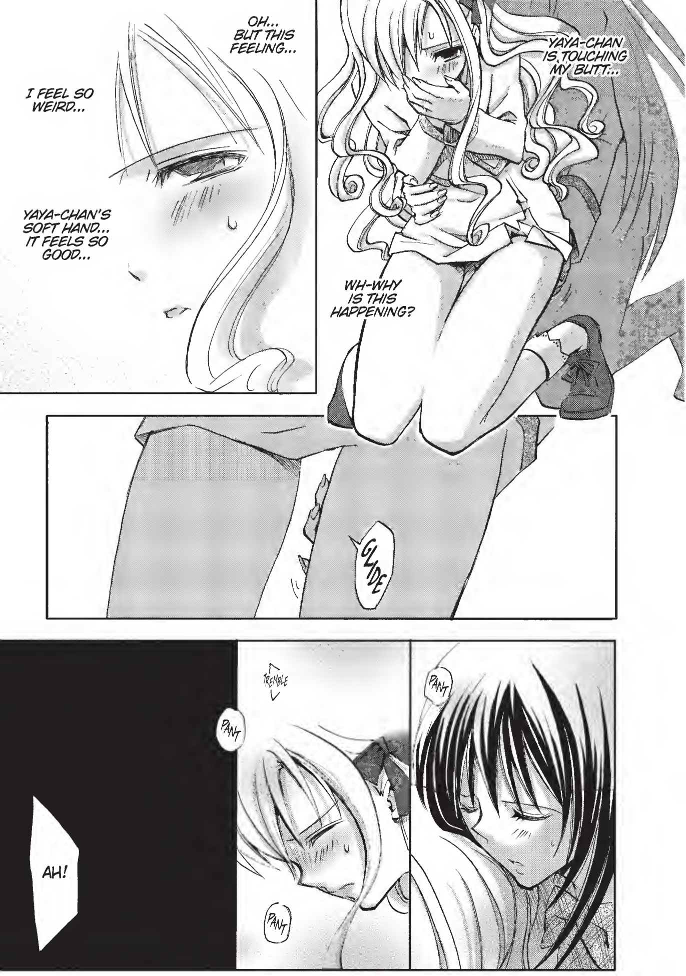
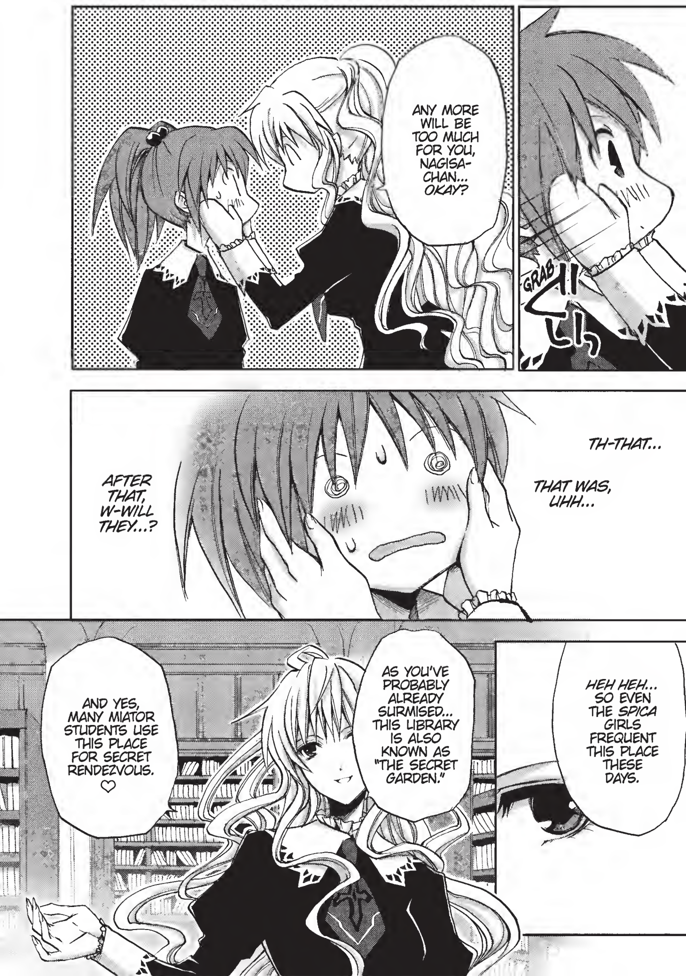
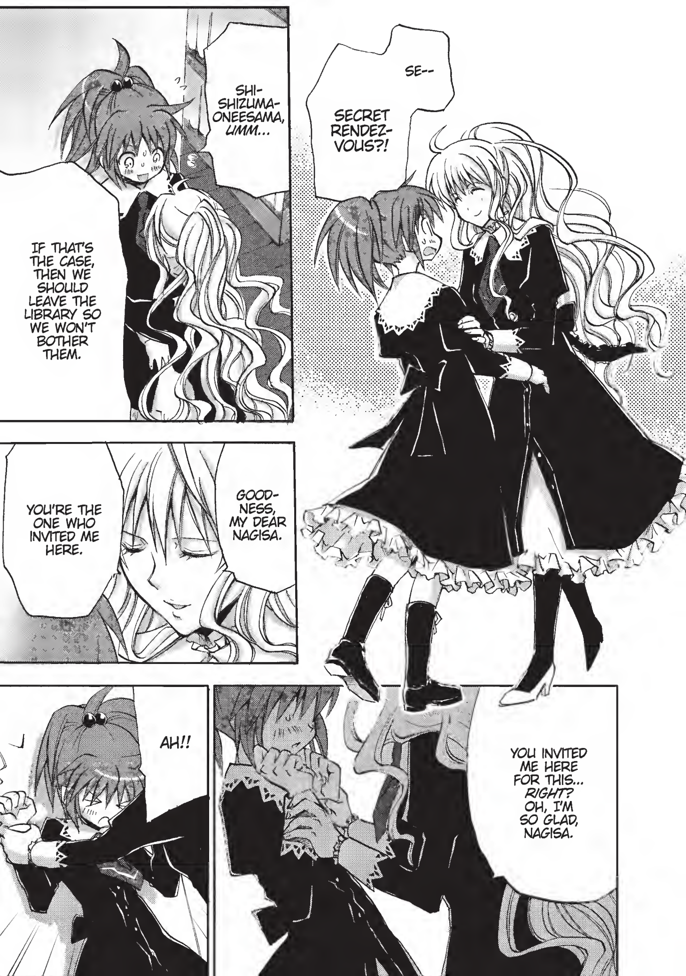
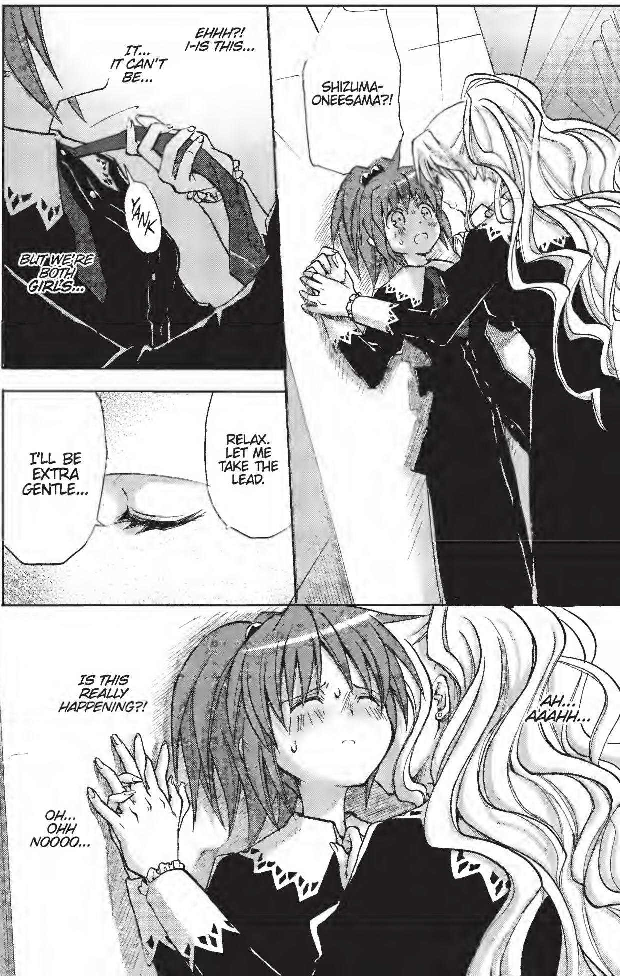
SQUEEEZE
AAAH!
SHHH... QUIET...
YA-YAYAYA-CHAN?!
BE STILL...
YOU KNOW THAT OUR SKIRTS RIDE UP WHEN WE'RE LIKE THIS...
GRAB
WHAT A CUTE BUTT. ♡

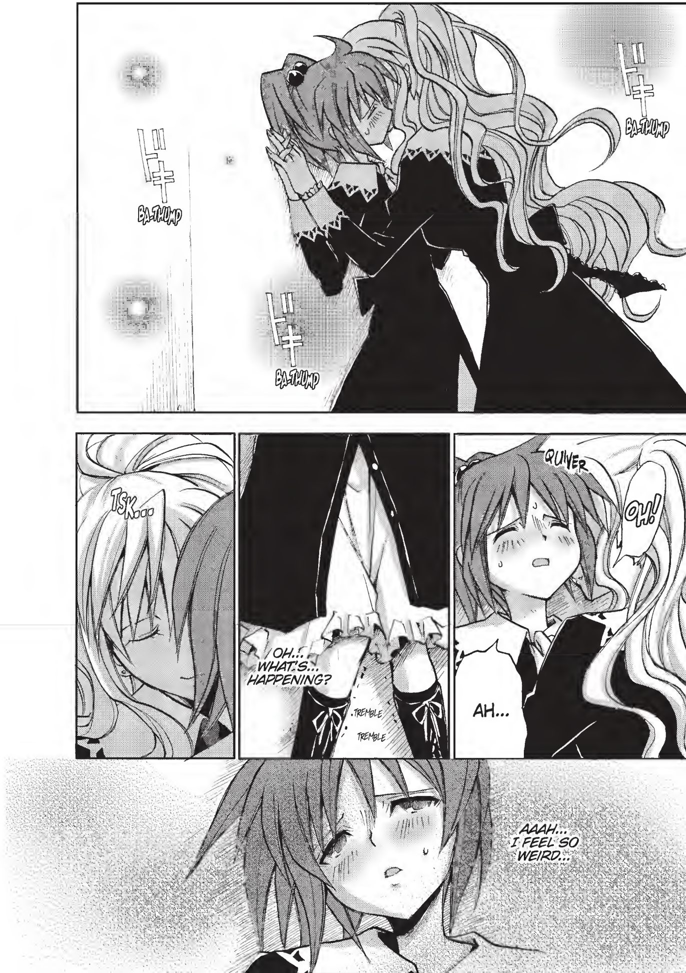

YAYA-CHAN IS TOUCHING MY BUTT...
WH-WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
OH... BUT THIS FEELING...
I FEEL SO WEIRD...
YAYA-CHAN'S SOFT HAND... IT FEELS SO GOOD...
GLIDE
PANT
TREMBLE
PANT
PANT
AH!


GRAB
ANY MORE WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR YOU, NAGISA-CHAN... OKAY?
TH-THAT...
THAT WAS, UHH...
AFTER THAT, W-WILL THEY...?
HEH HEH... SO EVEN THE *SPICA* GIRLS FREQUENT THIS PLACE THESE DAYS.
AS YOU'VE PROBABLY ALREADY SURMISED... THIS LIBRARY IS ALSO KNOWN AS "THE SECRET GARDEN."
AND YES, MANY MIATOR STUDENTS USE THIS PLACE FOR SECRET RENDEZVOUS. ♡


SE--
SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS?!
SHI-SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA, *UMM...*
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE SHOULD LEAVE THE LIBRARY SO WE WON'T BOTHER THEM.
GOODNESS, MY DEAR NAGISA.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED ME HERE.
YOU INVITED ME HERE FOR THIS... *RIGHT?* OH, I'M SO GLAD, NAGISA.
AH!!


SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!
EHHH?! I-IS THIS...
IT... IT CAN'T BE...
YANK
BUT WE'RE BOTH GIRLS...
RELAX. LET ME TAKE THE LEAD.
I'LL BE EXTRA GENTLE...
AH... AAAHH...
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?!
OH... OHH NOOOO...

Chapter 4: Pandemonium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BA-THUMP
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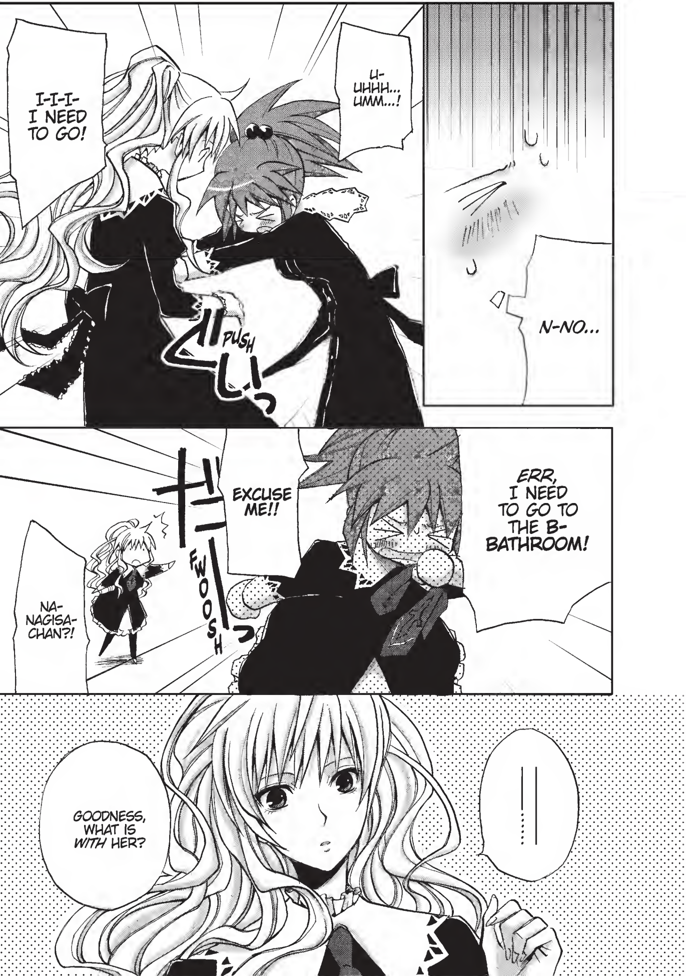
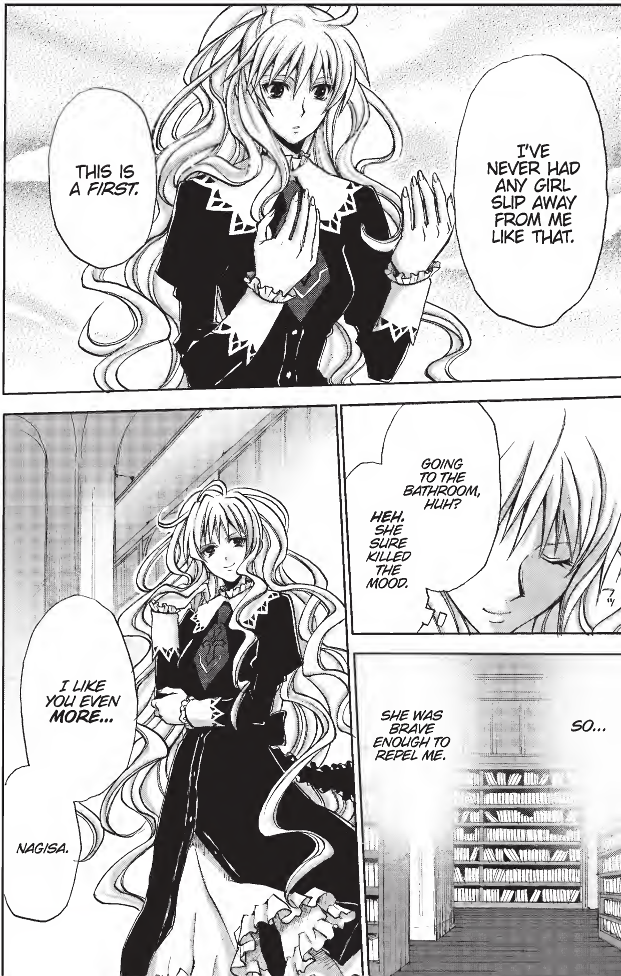
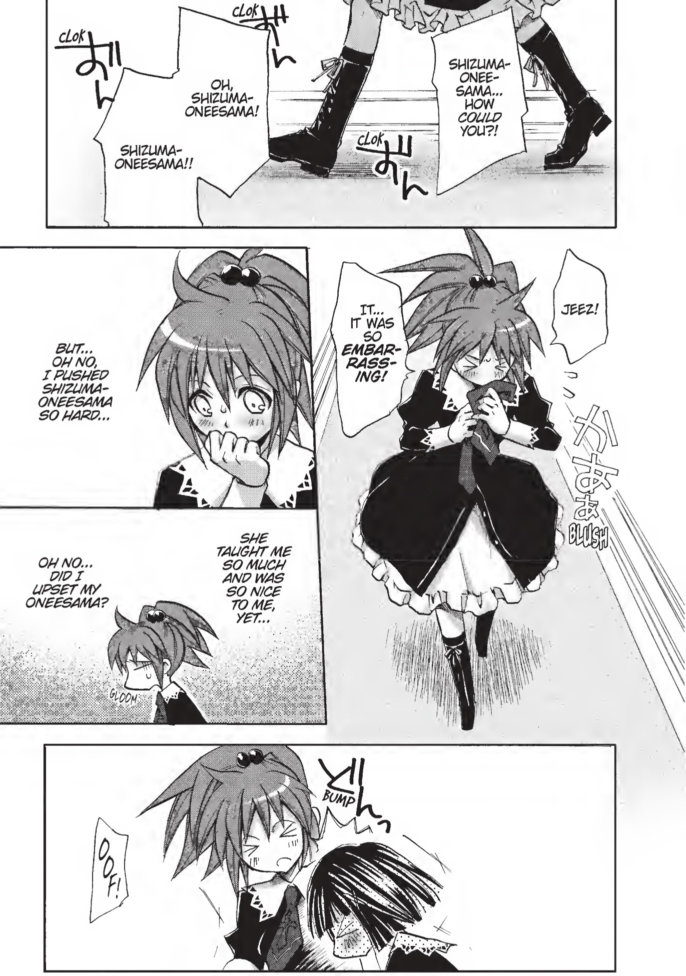
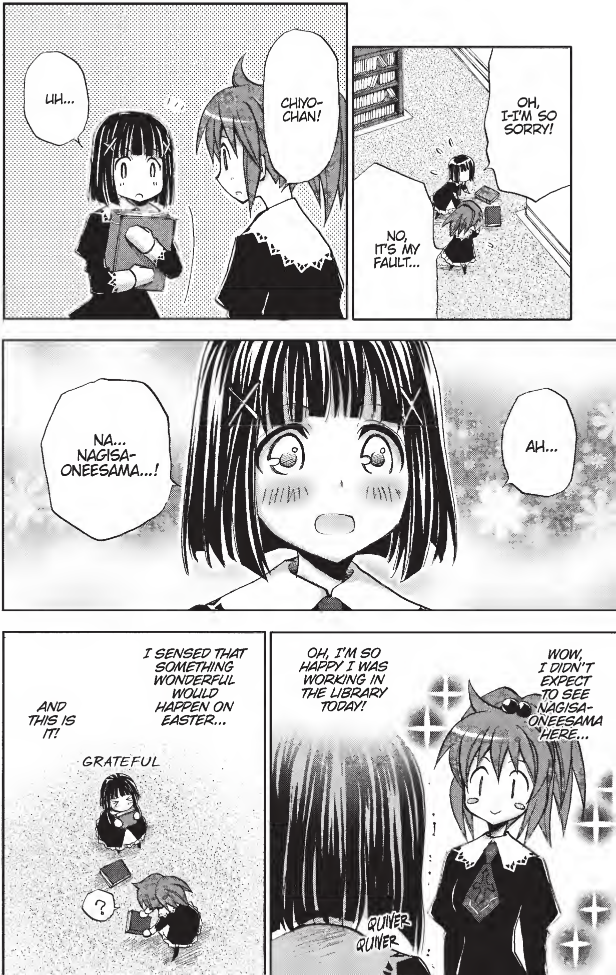
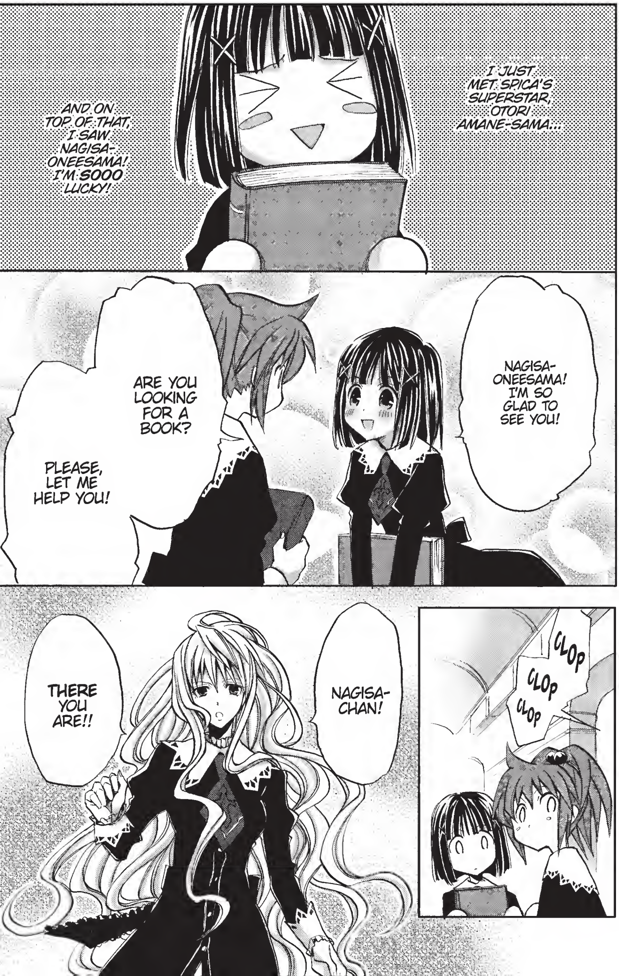
BA-THUMP
QUIVER
OH!
AH...
OH... WHAT'S... HAPPENING?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TSK...
AAAH... I FEEL SO WEIRD...

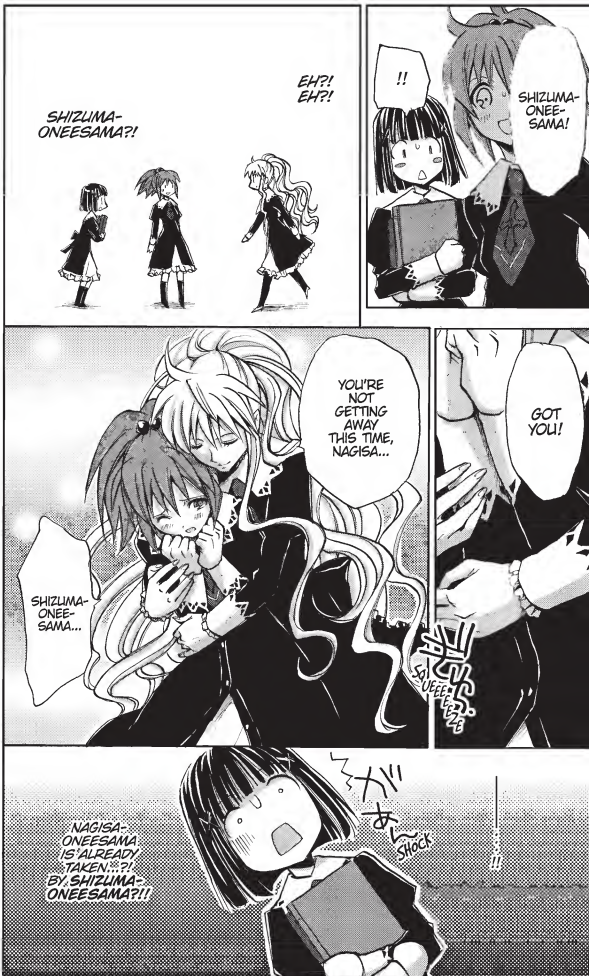

N-NO...
U-UHHH... UMM...!
I-I-I- I NEED TO GO!
PUSH
ERR, I NEED TO GO TO THE B-BATHROOM!
EXCUSE ME!!
FWOOSH
NA-NAGISA-CHAN?!
……
GOODNESS, WHAT IS *WITH* HER?

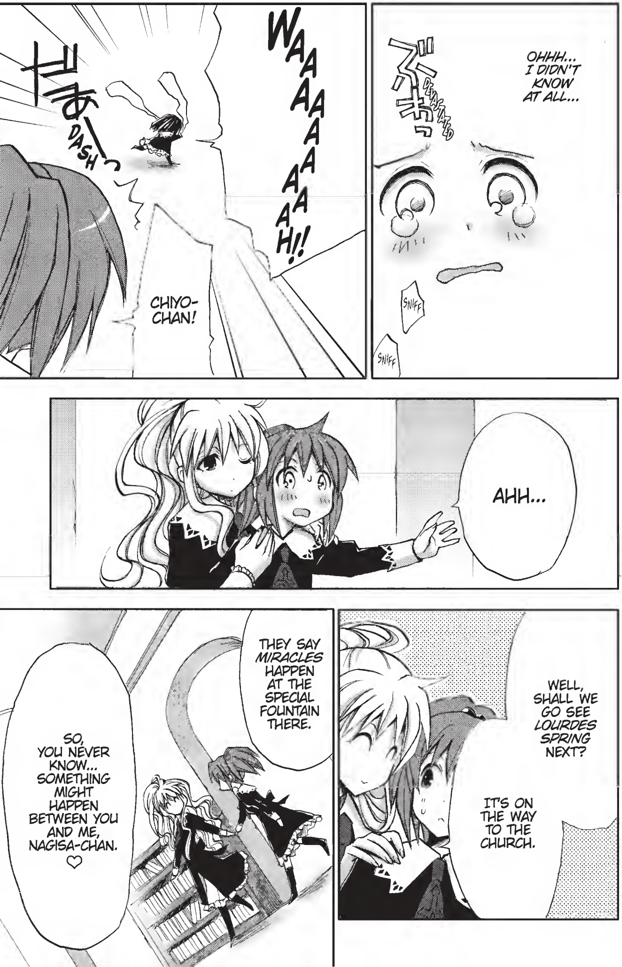

I'VE NEVER HAD ANY GIRL SLIP AWAY FROM ME LIKE THAT.
THIS IS A *FIRST.*
GOING TO THE BATHROOM, HUH?
HEH. *SHE SURE KILLED THE MOOD.*
SO...
SHE WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO REPEL ME.
I LIKE YOU EVEN ***MORE...***
NAGISA.

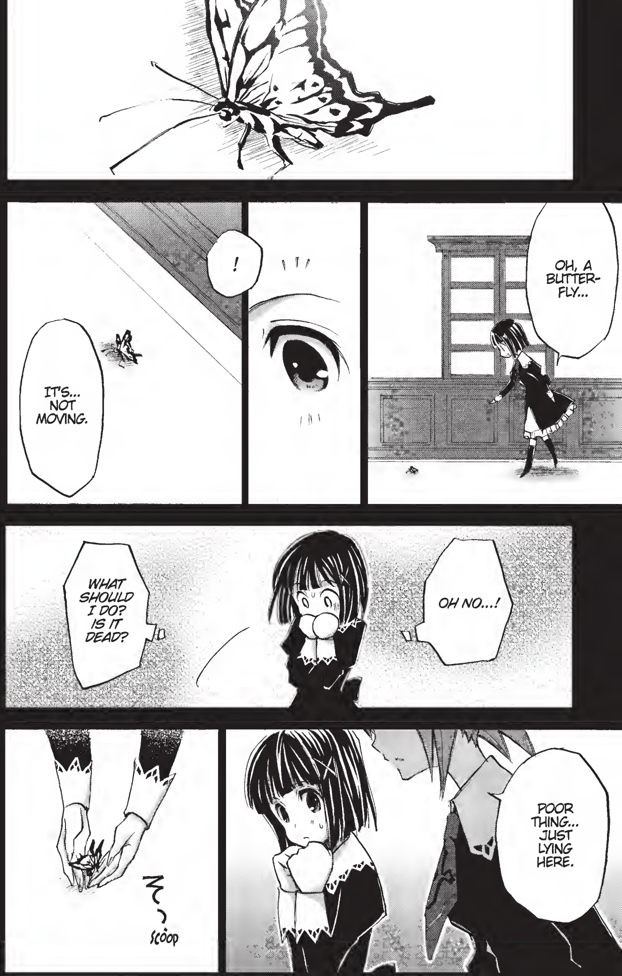

SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA... HOW COULD YOU?!
CLOK
OH, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA!
CLOK
CLOK
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA!!
JEEZ!
IT... IT WAS SO EMBARRASSING!
かぁぁ
BLUSH
BUT... OH NO, I PUSHED SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA SO HARD...
SHE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH AND WAS SO NICE TO ME, YET...
OH NO... DID I UPSET MY ONEESAMA?
GLOOM
どんっ
BUMP
OOF!

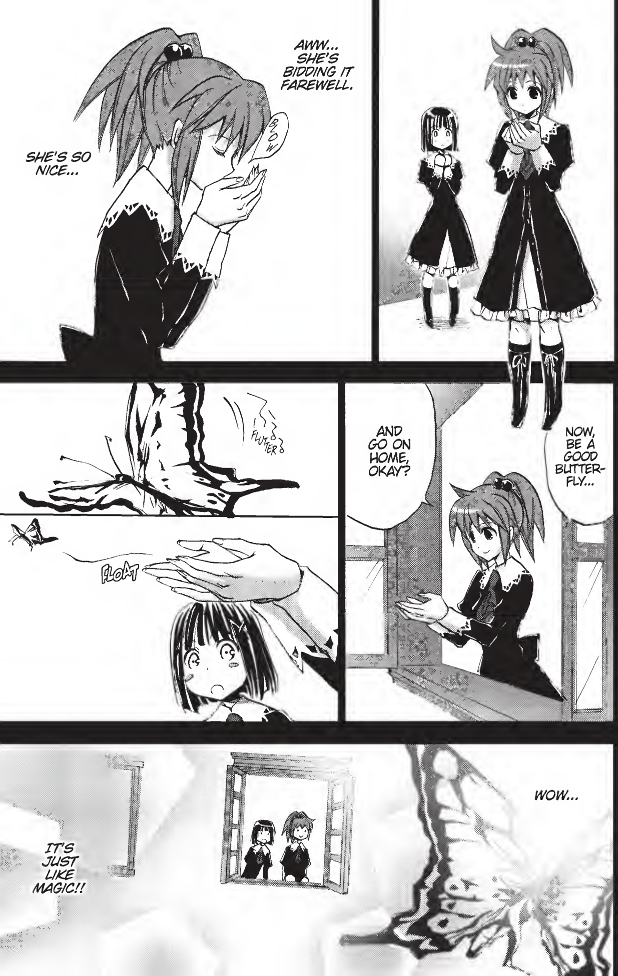

OH, I-I'M SO SORRY!
NO, IT'S MY FAULT...
CHIYO-CHAN!
UH...
AH...
NA... NAGISA-ONEESAMA...!
WOW, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE NAGISA-ONEESAMA HERE...
OH, I'M SO HAPPY I WAS WORKING IN THE LIBRARY TODAY!
QUIVER QUIVER
I SENSED THAT SOMETHING WONDERFUL WOULD HAPPEN ON EASTER...
AND THIS IS IT!
GRATEFUL
?

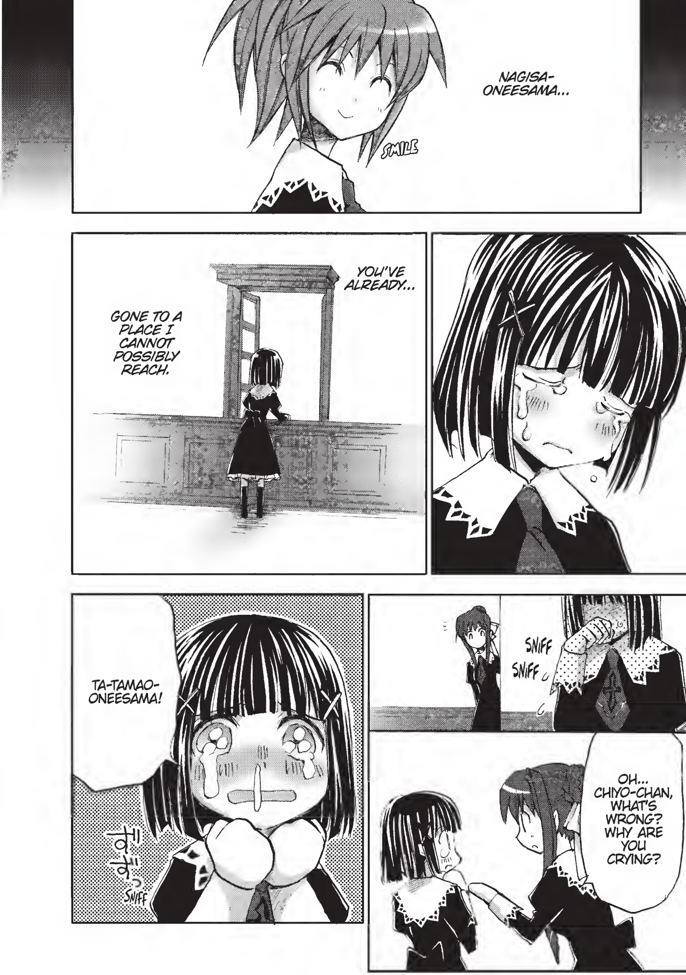

I JUST MET SPICA'S SUPERSTAR, OTORI AMANE-SAMA...
AND ON TOP OF THAT, I SAW NAGISA-ONEESAMA! I'M SOOO LUCKY!
NAGISA-ONEESAMA! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BOOK?
PLEASE, LET ME HELP YOU!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
NAGISA-CHAN!
THERE YOU ARE!!


SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA!
!!
EH?! EH?!
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!
GOT YOU!
SQUEEEEZE
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THIS TIME, NAGISA...
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA...
――!!
SHOCK
NAGISA-ONEESAMA IS ALREADY TAKEN...?! BY SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!!


OHHH... I DIDN'T KNOW AT ALL...
DEVASTATED
SNIFF
SNIFF
WAAAAAAAAAH!!
だあっ
DASH
CHIYO-CHAN!
AHH...
WELL, SHALL WE GO SEE *LOURDES SPRING* NEXT?
IT'S ON THE WAY TO THE CHURCH.
THEY SAY *MIRACLES* HAPPEN AT THE SPECIAL FOUNTAIN THERE.
SO, YOU NEVER KNOW... SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND ME, NAGISA-CHAN. ♡


OH, A BUTTERFLY...
!
IT'S... NOT MOVING.
OH NO...!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? IS IT DEAD?
POOR THING... JUST LYING HERE.
SCOOP


AWW... SHE'S BIDDING IT FAREWELL.
BLOW
SHE'S SO NICE...
NOW, BE A GOOD BUTTERFLY...
AND GO ON HOME, OKAY?
FLUTTER
FLOAT
WOW...
IT'S JUST LIKE MAGIC!!


NAGISA-ONEESAMA...
SMILE
YOU'VE ALREADY...
GONE TO A PLACE I CANNOT POSSIBLY REACH.
SNIFF
SNIFF
OH... CHIYO-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
TA-TAMAO-ONEESAMA!
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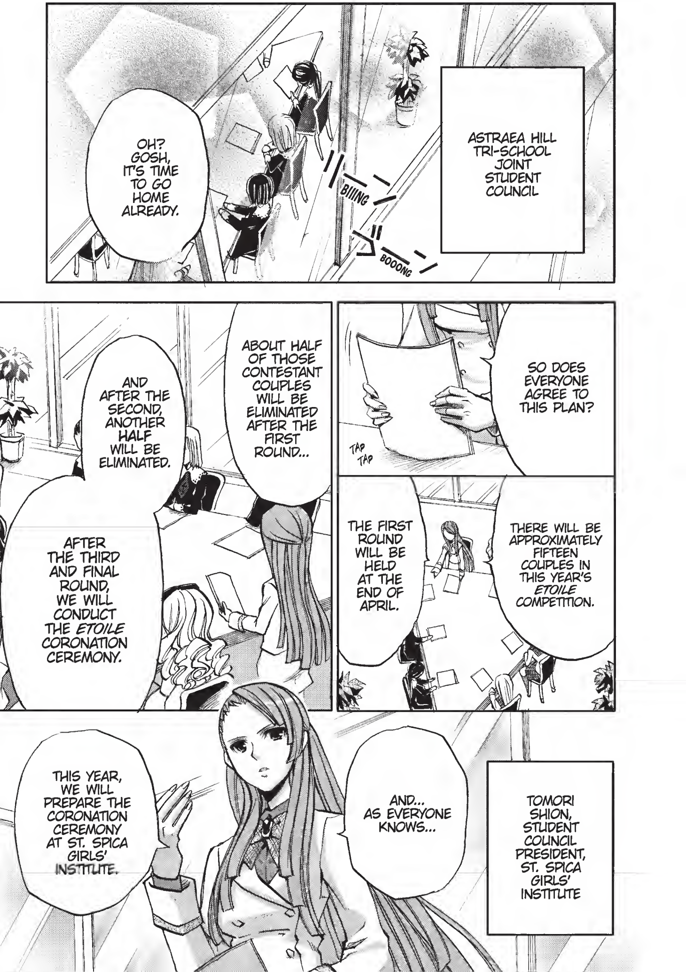
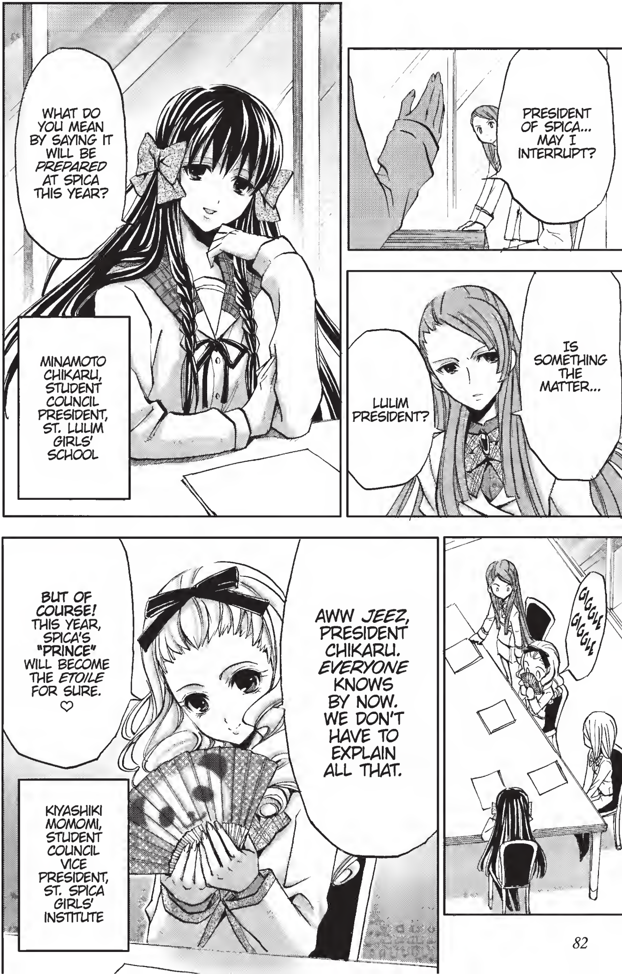
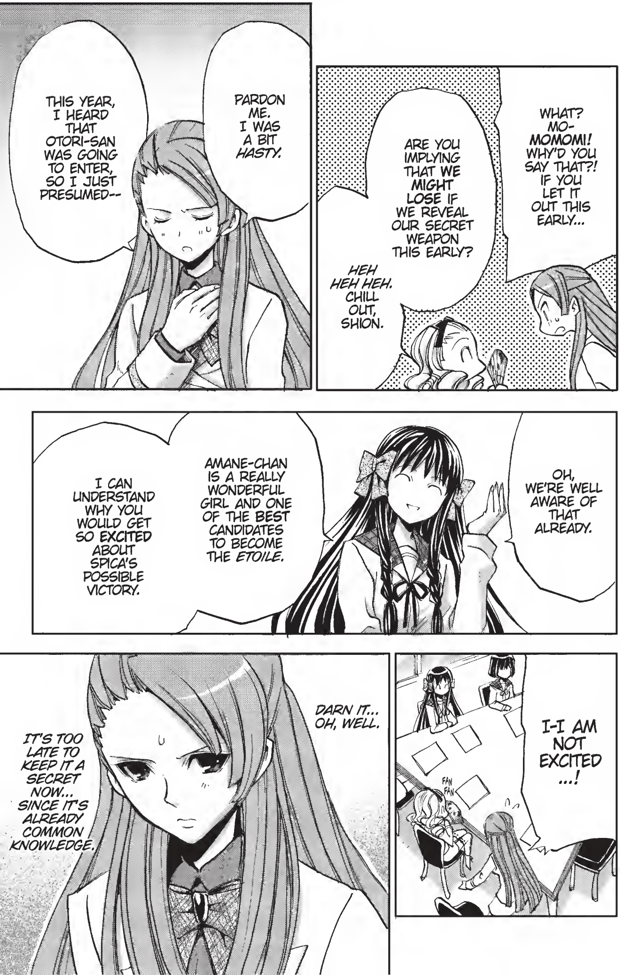
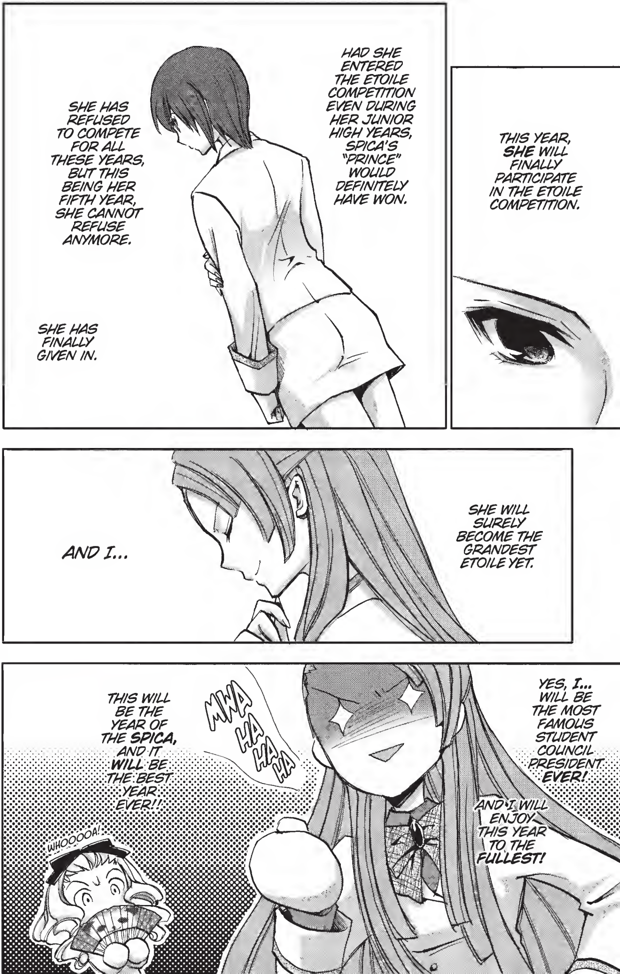
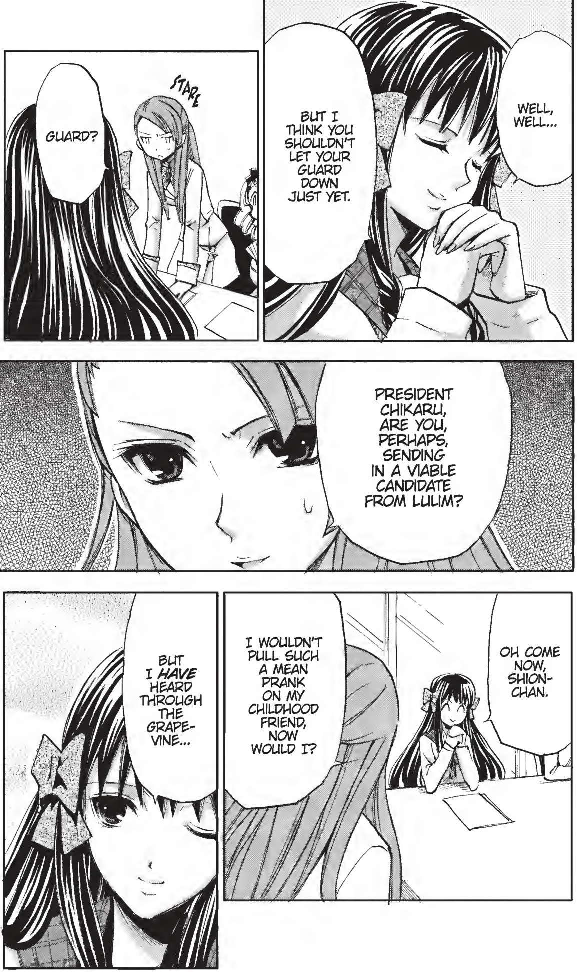
SNIFF

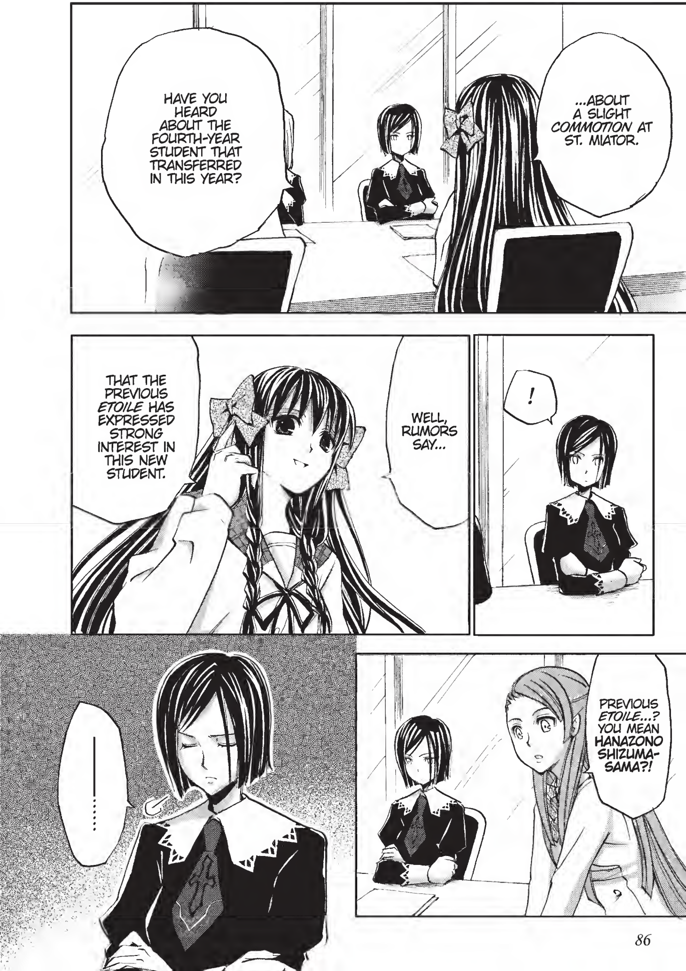

ASTRAEA HILL TRI-SCHOOL JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL
BIIING
BOOONG
OH? GOSH, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME ALREADY.
SO DOES EVERYONE AGREE TO THIS PLAN?
TAP TAP
THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN COUPLES IN THIS YEAR'S *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
THE FIRST ROUND WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF APRIL.
ABOUT HALF OF THOSE CONTESTANT COUPLES WILL BE ELIMINATED AFTER THE FIRST ROUND...
AND AFTER THE SECOND, ANOTHER **HALF** WILL BE ELIMINATED.
AFTER THE THIRD AND FINAL ROUND, WE WILL CONDUCT THE *ETOILE* CORONATION CEREMONY.
TOMORI SHION, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE
AND... AS EVERYONE KNOWS...
THIS YEAR, WE WILL PREPARE THE CORONATION CEREMONY AT ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE.


PRESIDENT OF SPICA... MAY I INTERRUPT?
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER...
LULIM PRESIDENT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING IT WILL BE *PREPARED* AT SPICA THIS YEAR?
MINAMOTO CHIKARU, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ST. LULIM GIRLS' SCHOOL
GIGGLE GIGGLE
AWW *JEEZ*, PRESIDENT CHIKARU. *EVERYONE* KNOWS BY NOW. WE DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN ALL THAT.
BUT OF COURSE! THIS YEAR, SPICA'S "PRINCE" WILL BECOME THE *ETOILE* FOR SURE. ♡
KIYASHIKI MOMOMI, STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE


WHAT? MO-MOMOMI! WHY'D YOU SAY THAT?! IF YOU LET IT OUT THIS EARLY...
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT WE MIGHT LOSE IF WE REVEAL OUR SECRET WEAPON THIS EARLY?
HEH HEH HEH. CHILL OUT, SHION.
PARDON ME. I WAS A BIT HASTY.
THIS YEAR, I HEARD THAT OTORI-SAN WAS GOING TO ENTER, SO I JUST PRESUMED--
OH, WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THAT ALREADY.
AMANE-CHAN IS A REALLY WONDERFUL GIRL AND ONE OF THE BEST CANDIDATES TO BECOME THE ETOILE.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD GET SO EXCITED ABOUT SPICA'S POSSIBLE VICTORY.
I-I AM NOT EXCITED ...!
FAN FAN
DARN IT... OH, WELL.
IT'S TOO LATE TO KEEP IT A SECRET NOW... SINCE IT'S ALREADY COMMON KNOWLEDGE.


THIS YEAR, SHE WILL FINALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE ETOILE COMPETITION.
HAD SHE ENTERED THE ETOILE COMPETITION EVEN DURING HER JUNIOR HIGH YEARS, SPICA'S "PRINCE" WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE WON.
SHE HAS REFUSED TO COMPETE FOR ALL THESE YEARS, BUT THIS BEING HER FIFTH YEAR, SHE CANNOT REFUSE ANYMORE.
SHE HAS FINALLY GIVEN IN.
SHE WILL SURELY BECOME THE GRANDEST ETOILE YET.
AND I...
YES, I... WILL BE THE MOST FAMOUS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT EVER!
AND I WILL ENJOY THIS YEAR TO THE FULLEST!
MWA HA HA HA HA
THIS WILL BE THE YEAR OF THE SPICA, AND IT WILL BE THE BEST YEAR EVER!!
WHOOOOA!


WELL, WELL...
BUT I THINK YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN JUST YET.
STARE
GUARD?
PRESIDENT CHIKARU, ARE YOU, PERHAPS, SENDING IN A VIABLE CANDIDATE FROM LULIM?
OH COME NOW, SHION-CHAN.
I WOULDN'T PULL SUCH A MEAN PRANK ON MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND, NOW WOULD I?
BUT I *HAVE* HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...


...ABOUT A SLIGHT *COMMOTION* AT ST. MIATOR.
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FOURTH-YEAR STUDENT THAT TRANSFERRED IN THIS YEAR?
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WELL, RUMORS SAY...
THAT THE PREVIOUS *ETOILE* HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THIS NEW STUDENT.
PREVIOUS *ETOILE*...? YOU MEAN HANAZONO SHIZUMA-SAMA?!
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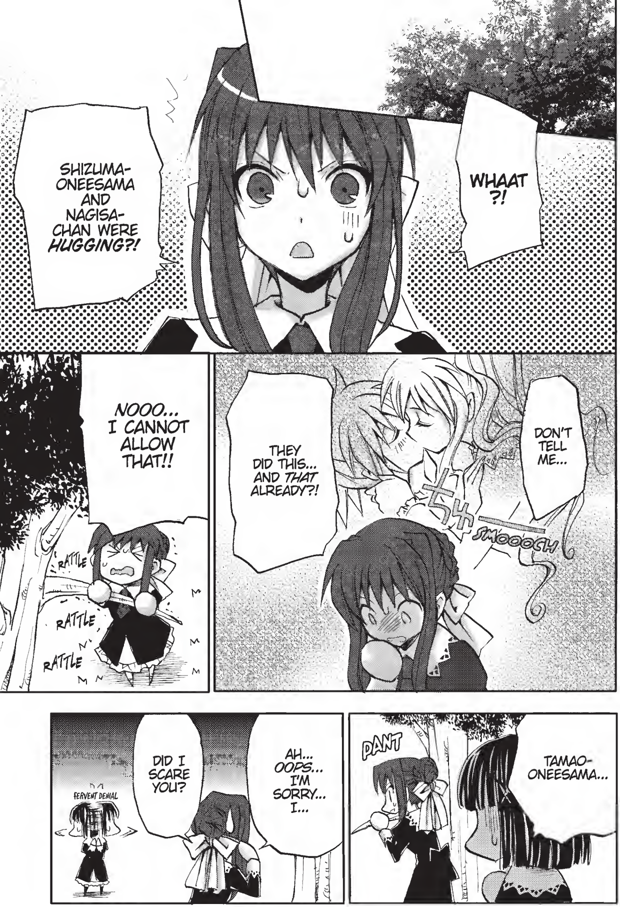
WHAAT?!
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA AND NAGISA-CHAN WERE *HUGGING?!*
DON'T TELL ME...
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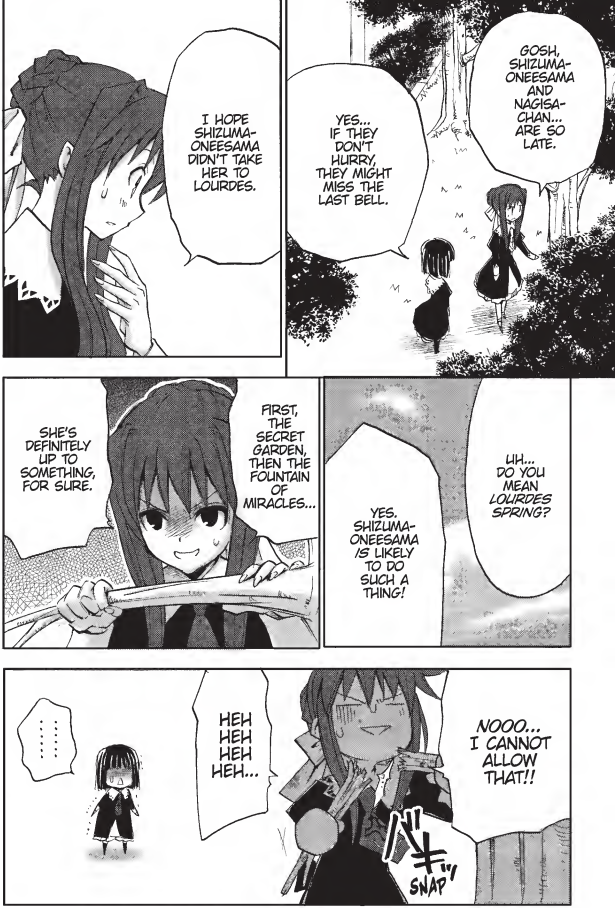
SMOOOCH
THEY DID THIS... AND *THAT* ALREADY?!
NOOO... I CANNOT ALLOW THAT!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
TAMAO-ONEESAMA...
PANT
AH... *OOPS...* I'M SORRY... I...
DID I SCARE YOU?
FERVENT DENIAL


GOSH, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA AND NAGISA-CHAN... ARE SO LATE.
YES... IF THEY DON'T HURRY, THEY MIGHT MISS THE LAST BELL.
I HOPE SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA DIDN'T TAKE HER TO LOURDES.
UH... DO YOU MEAN *LOURDES SPRING*?
YES. SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA *IS* LIKELY TO DO SUCH A THING!
FIRST, THE SECRET GARDEN, THEN THE FOUNTAIN OF MIRACLES...
SHE'S DEFINITELY UP TO SOMETHING, FOR SURE.
NOOO... I CANNOT ALLOW THAT!!
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SNAP
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
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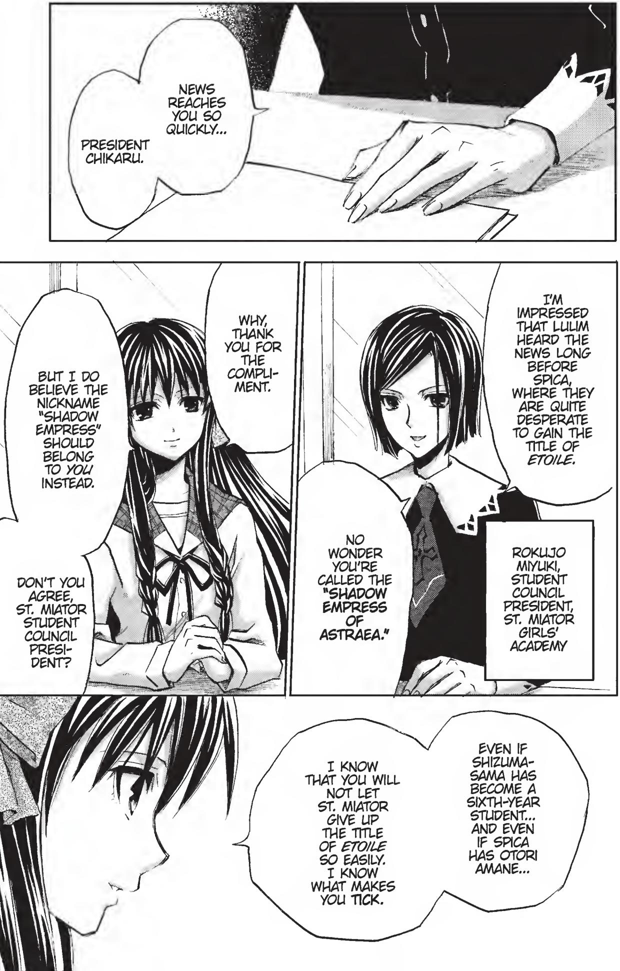
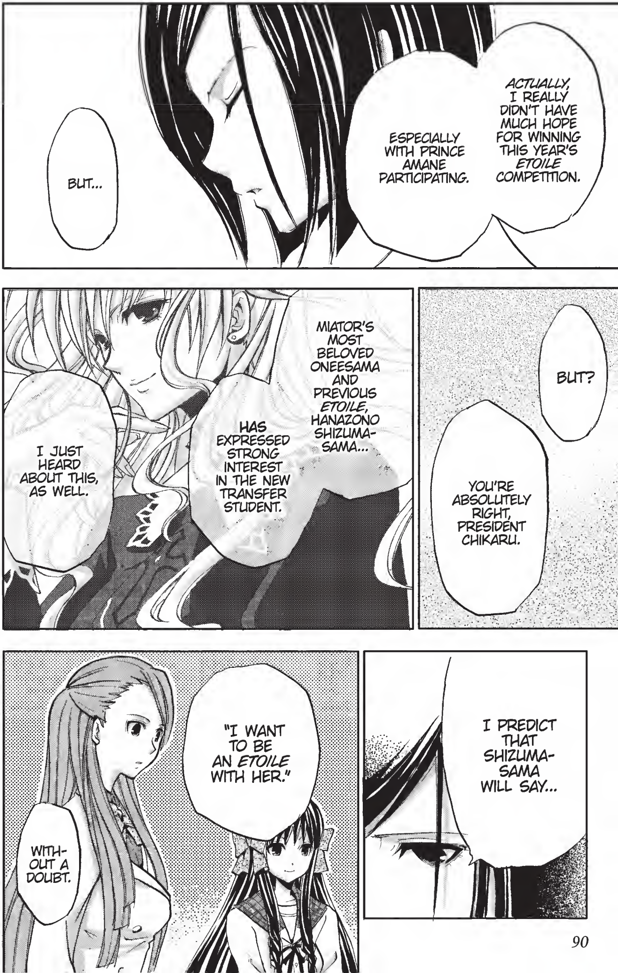
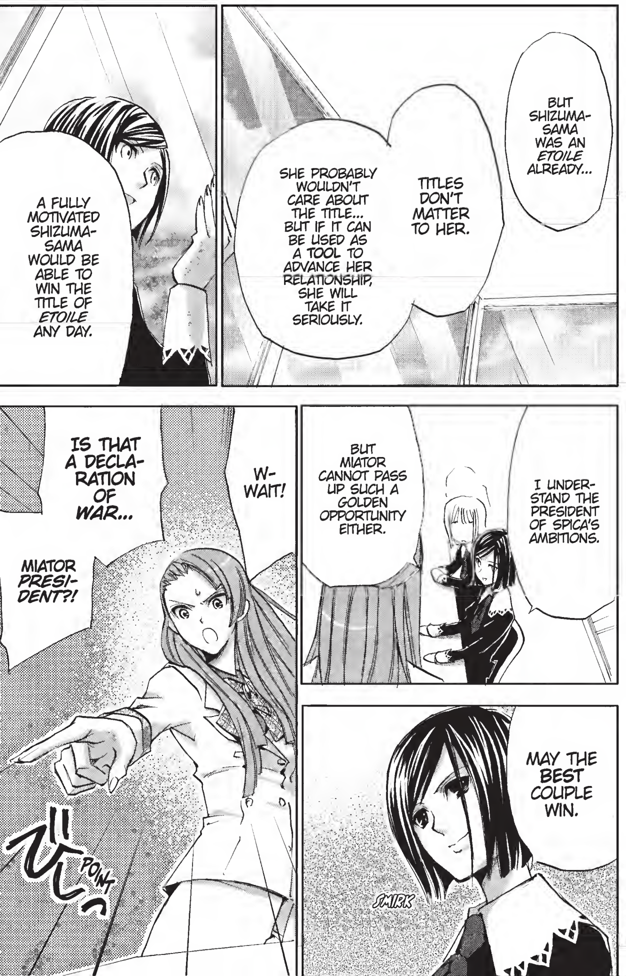

NEWS REACHES YOU SO QUICKLY... PRESIDENT CHIKARU.
I'M IMPRESSED THAT LULIM HEARD THE NEWS LONG BEFORE SPICA, WHERE THEY ARE QUITE DESPERATE TO GAIN THE TITLE OF *ETOILE*.
ROKUJO MIYUKI, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ST. MIATOR GIRLS' ACADEMY
NO WONDER YOU'RE CALLED THE **"SHADOW EMPRESS OF ASTRAEA."**
WHY, THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT.
BUT I DO BELIEVE THE NICKNAME "SHADOW EMPRESS" SHOULD BELONG TO *YOU* INSTEAD.
DON'T YOU AGREE, ST. MIATOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
EVEN IF SHIZUMA-SAMA HAS BECOME A SIXTH-YEAR STUDENT... AND EVEN IF SPICA HAS OTORI AMANE...
I KNOW THAT YOU WILL NOT LET ST. MIATOR GIVE UP THE TITLE OF *ETOILE* SO EASILY. I KNOW WHAT MAKES YOU TICK.


ACTUALLY, I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH HOPE FOR WINNING THIS YEAR'S ETOILE COMPETITION.
ESPECIALLY WITH PRINCE AMANE PARTICIPATING.
BUT...
BUT?
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, PRESIDENT CHIKARU.
MIATOR'S MOST BELOVED ONEESAMA AND PREVIOUS ETOILE, HANAZONO SHIZUMA-SAMA...
HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THE NEW TRANSFER STUDENT.
I JUST HEARD ABOUT THIS, AS WELL.
I PREDICT THAT SHIZUMA-SAMA WILL SAY...
"I WANT TO BE AN ETOILE WITH HER."
WITHOUT A DOUBT.


BUT SHIZUMA-SAMA WAS AN *ETOILE* ALREADY...
TITLES DON'T MATTER TO HER.
SHE PROBABLY WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT THE TITLE... BUT IF IT CAN BE USED AS A TOOL TO ADVANCE HER RELATIONSHIP, SHE WILL TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
A FULLY MOTIVATED SHIZUMA-SAMA WOULD BE ABLE TO WIN THE TITLE OF *ETOILE* ANY DAY.
I UNDERSTAND THE PRESIDENT OF SPICA'S AMBITIONS.
BUT MIATOR CANNOT PASS UP SUCH A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY EITHER.
MAY THE BEST COUPLE WIN.
SMIRK
IS THAT A DECLARATION OF *WAR...*
W-WAIT!
MIATOR *PRESIDENT?!*
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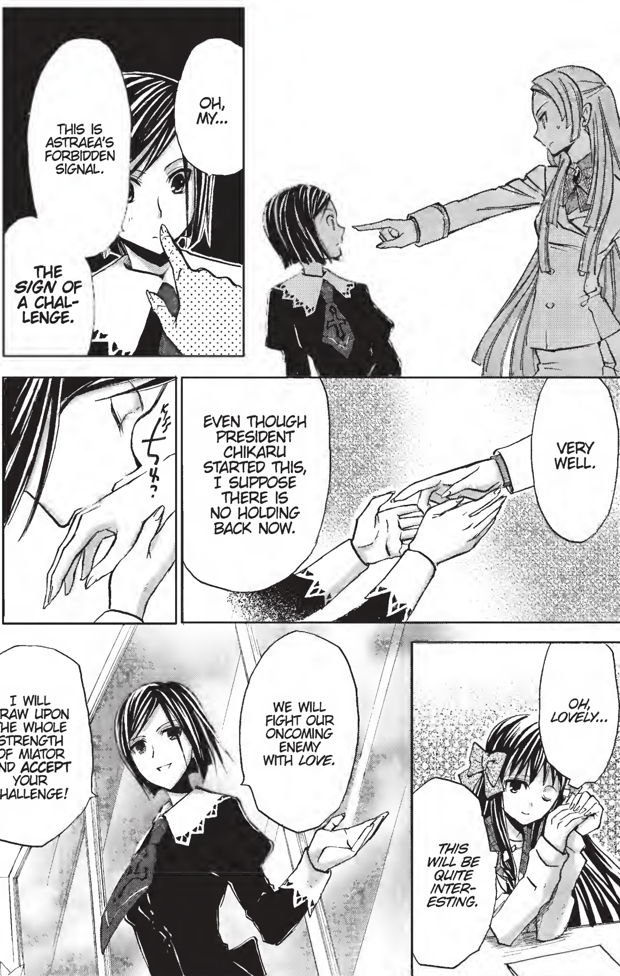
POINT


OH, MY...
THIS IS ASTRAEA'S FORBIDDEN SIGNAL.
THE *SIGN* OF A CHALLENGE.
VERY WELL.
EVEN THOUGH PRESIDENT CHIKARU STARTED THIS, I SUPPOSE THERE IS NO HOLDING BACK NOW.
KISS
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OH, LOVELY...
THIS WILL BE QUITE INTERESTING.
WE WILL FIGHT OUR ONCOMING ENEMY WITH *LOVE*.
I WILL DRAW UPON THE WHOLE STRENGTH OF MIATOR AND ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!

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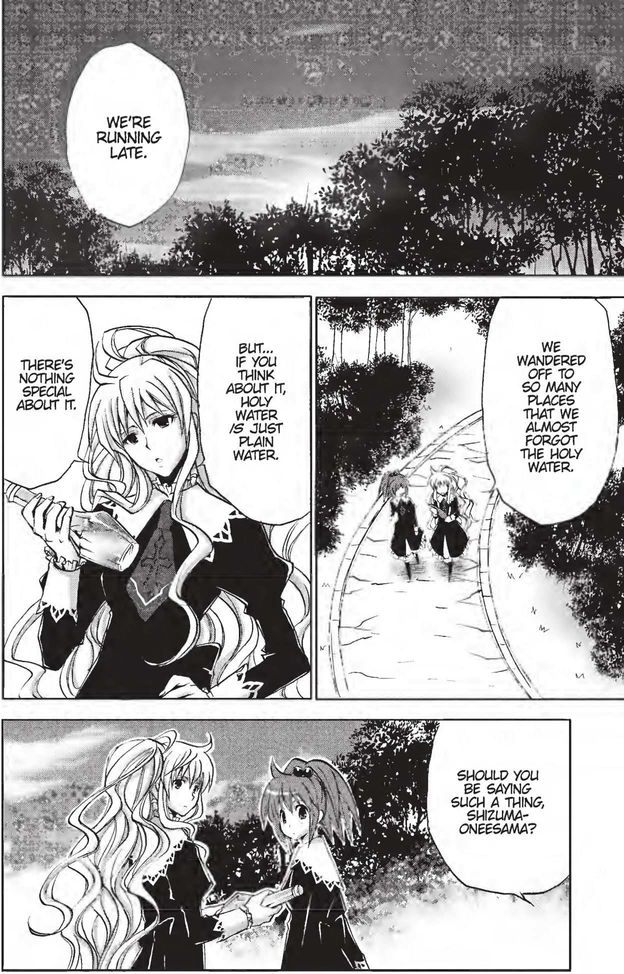
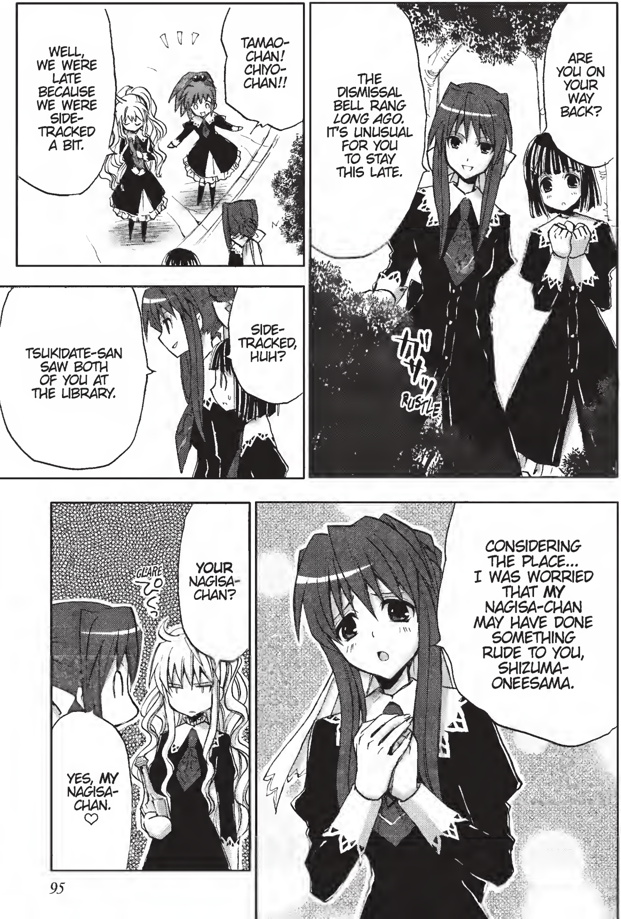
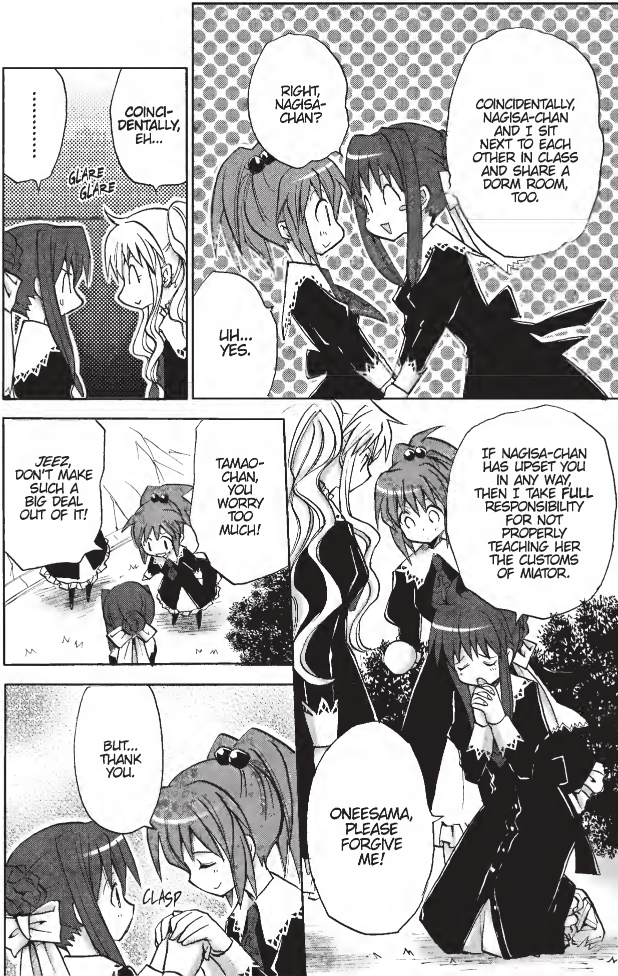
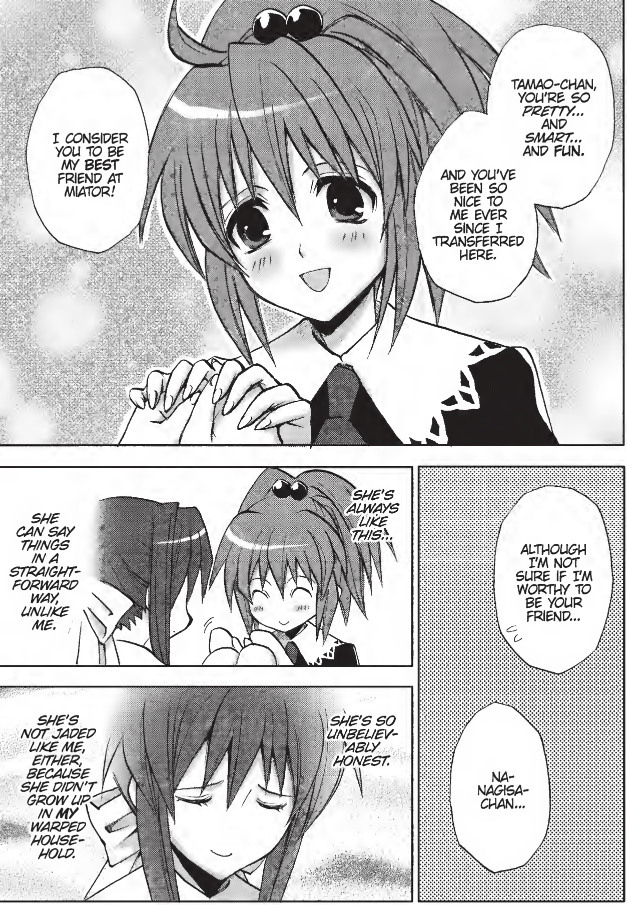
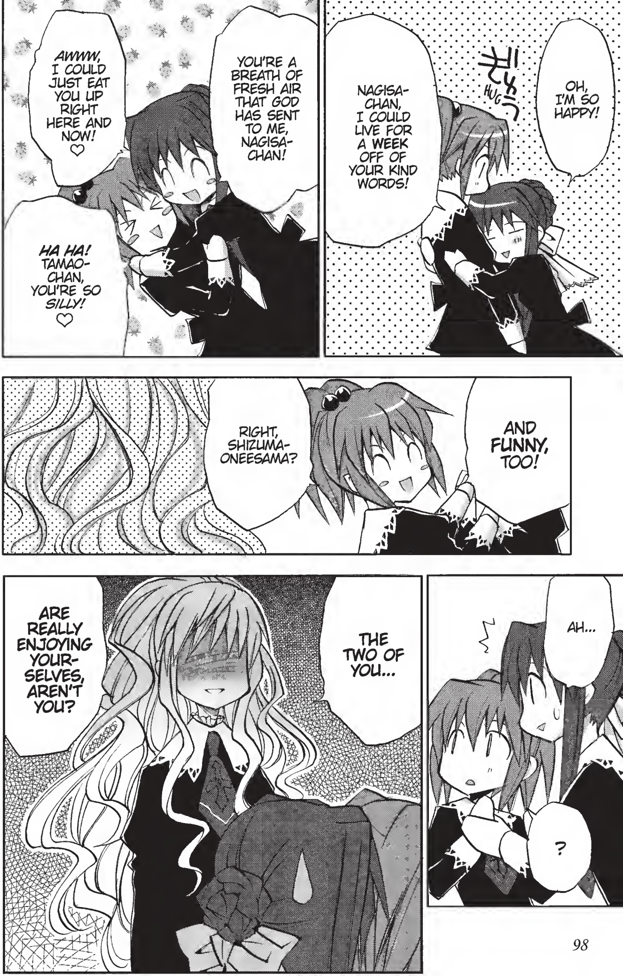
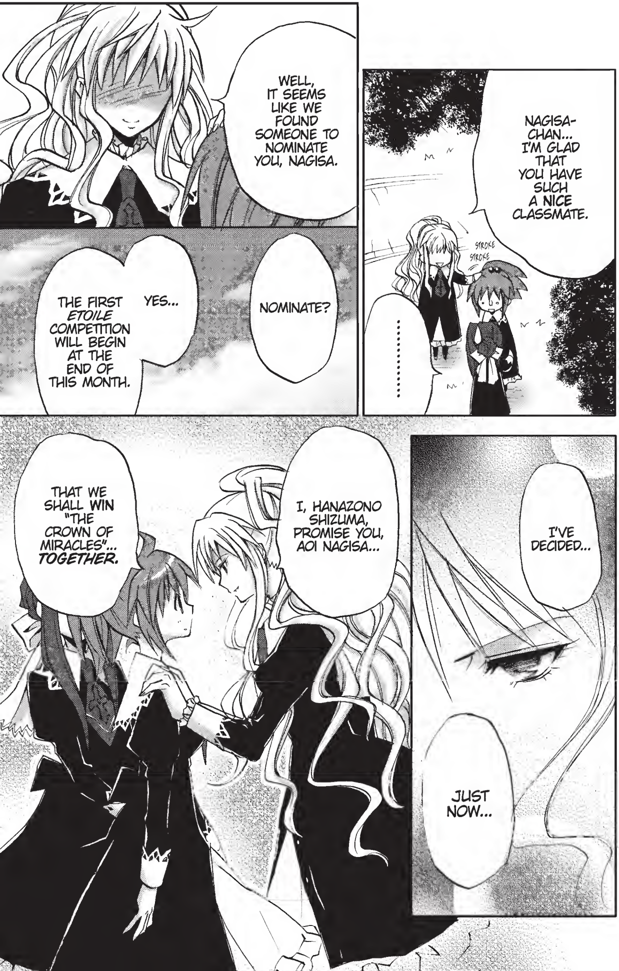

WE'RE RUNNING LATE.
WE WANDERED OFF TO SO MANY PLACES THAT WE ALMOST FORGOT THE HOLY WATER.
BUT... IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, HOLY WATER IS JUST PLAIN WATER.
THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT.
SHOULD YOU BE SAYING SUCH A THING, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?


ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY BACK?
THE DISMISSAL BELL RANG *LONG AGO.* IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO STAY THIS LATE.
RUSTLE
TAMAO-CHAN! CHIYO-CHAN!!
WELL, WE WERE LATE BECAUSE WE WERE SIDETRACKED A BIT.
SIDETRACKED, HUH?
TSUKIDATE-SAN SAW BOTH OF YOU AT THE LIBRARY.
CONSIDERING THE PLACE... I WAS WORRIED THAT MY NAGISA-CHAN MAY HAVE DONE SOMETHING RUDE TO YOU, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA.
YOUR NAGISA-CHAN?
GLARE
YES, MY NAGISA-CHAN. ♡


COINCIDENTALLY, NAGISA-CHAN AND I SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN CLASS AND SHARE A DORM ROOM, TOO.
RIGHT, NAGISA-CHAN?
UH... YES.
COINCIDENTALLY, EH...
GLARE GLARE
....
IF NAGISA-CHAN HAS UPSET YOU IN ANY WAY, THEN I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT PROPERLY TEACHING HER THE CUSTOMS OF MIATOR.
ONEESAMA, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
TAMAO-CHAN, YOU WORRY TOO MUCH!
JEEZ, DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!
BUT... THANK YOU.
CLASP


TAMAO-CHAN, YOU'RE SO *PRETTY*... AND *SMART*... AND **FUN**.
AND YOU'VE BEEN SO NICE TO ME EVER SINCE I TRANSFERRED HERE.
I CONSIDER YOU TO BE MY **BEST** FRIEND AT MIATOR!
ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE IF I'M WORTHY TO BE YOUR FRIEND...
NA-NAGISA-CHAN...
SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
SHE CAN SAY THINGS IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY, UNLIKE ME.
SHE'S SO UNBELIEVABLY HONEST.
*SHE'S NOT JADED LIKE ME, EITHER, BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T GROW UP IN **MY** WARPED HOUSEHOLD.*


OH, I'M SO HAPPY!
HUG
NAGISA-CHAN, I COULD LIVE FOR A WEEK OFF OF YOUR KIND WORDS!
YOU'RE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR THAT GOD HAS SENT TO ME, NAGISA-CHAN!
AWWW, I COULD JUST EAT YOU UP RIGHT HERE AND NOW! ♡
HA HA! TAMAO-CHAN, YOU'RE SO *SILLY!* ♡
AND FUNNY, TOO!
RIGHT, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?
AH...
?
THE TWO OF YOU...
ARE REALLY ENJOYING YOURSELVES, AREN'T YOU?


NAGISA-CHAN... I'M GLAD THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A NICE CLASSMATE.
STROKE STROKE
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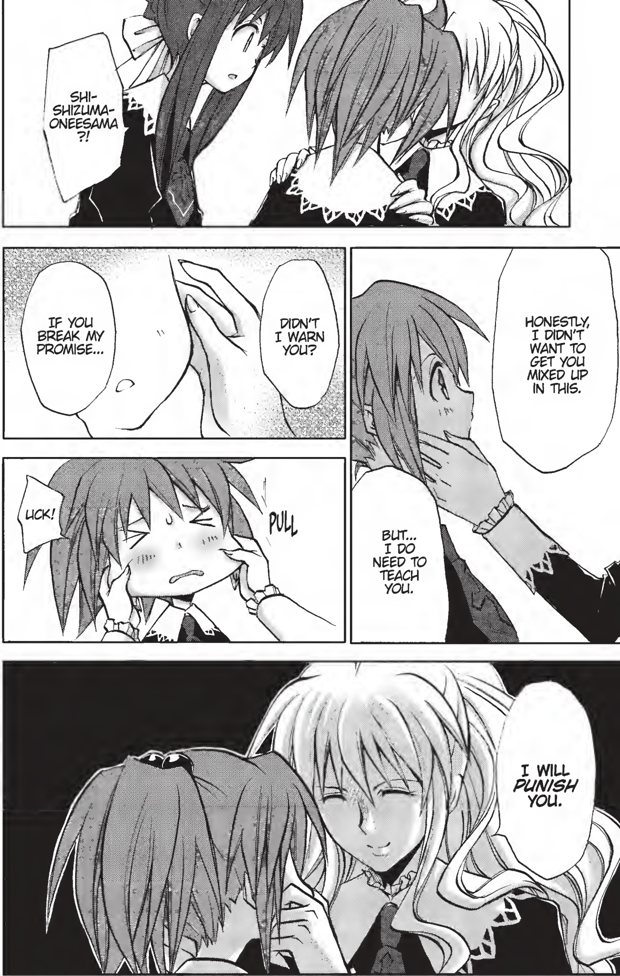
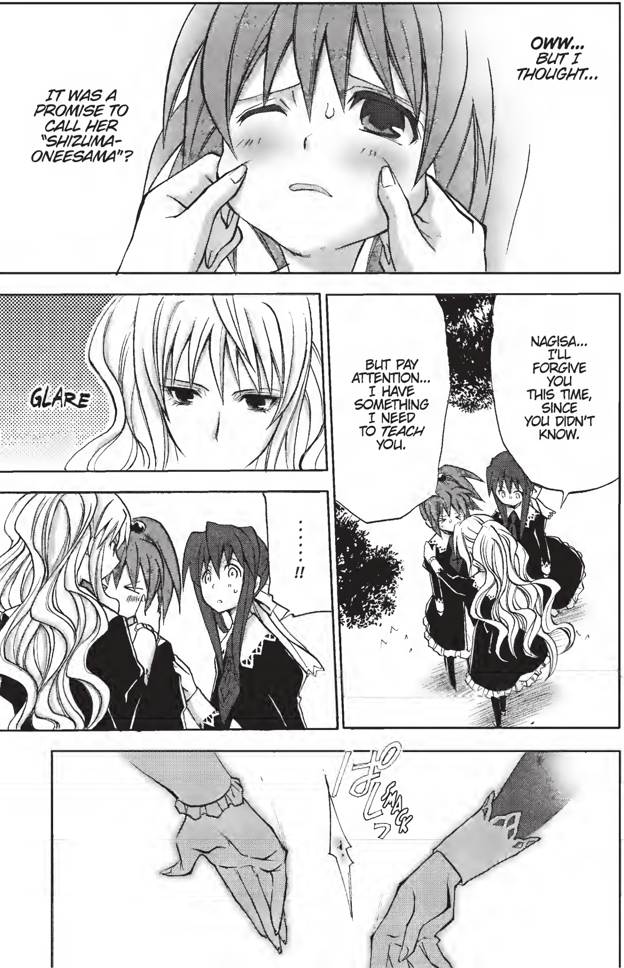
WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE WE FOUND SOMEONE TO NOMINATE YOU, NAGISA.
NOMINATE?
YES...
THE FIRST *ETOILE* COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.
I'VE DECIDED...
JUST NOW...
I, HANAZONO SHIZUMA, PROMISE YOU, AOI NAGISA...
THAT WE SHALL WIN "THE CROWN OF MIRACLES"... *TOGETHER.*


SHI-SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!
HONESTLY, I DIDN'T WANT TO GET YOU MIXED UP IN THIS.
BUT... I DO NEED TO TEACH YOU.
DIDN'T I WARN YOU?
IF YOU BREAK MY PROMISE...
PULL
UCK!
I WILL *PUNISH* YOU.


OWW... BUT I THOUGHT...
IT WAS A PROMISE TO CALL HER "SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA"?
NAGISA... I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME, SINCE YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
BUT PAY ATTENTION... I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO *TEACH* YOU.
GLARE
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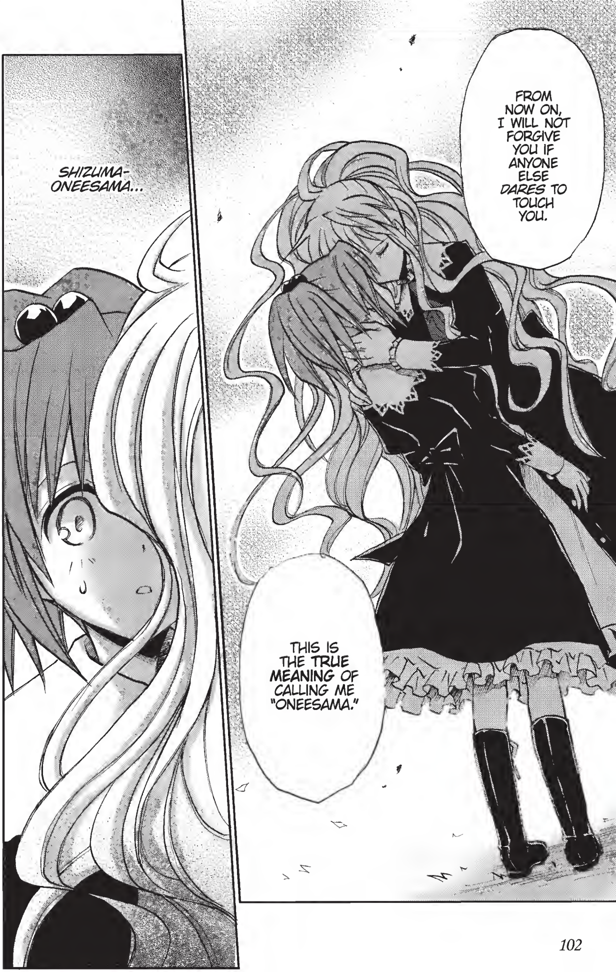
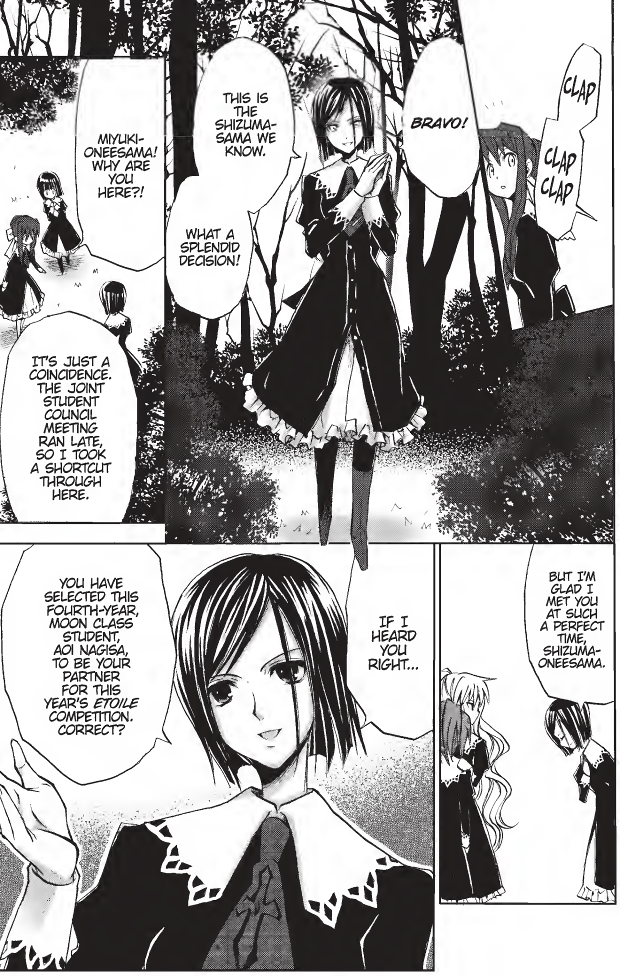
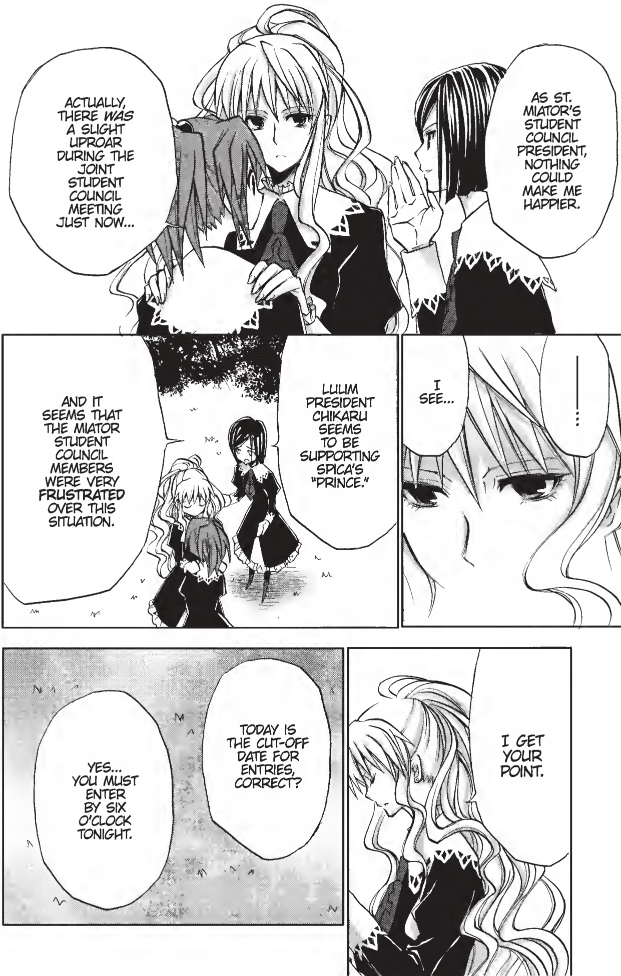
SMACK


FROM NOW ON, I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU IF ANYONE ELSE *DARES* TO TOUCH YOU.
THIS IS THE **TRUE MEANING** OF CALLING ME "ONEESAMA."
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA...


CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
BRAVO!
THIS IS THE SHIZUMA-SAMA WE KNOW.
WHAT A SPLENDID DECISION!
MIYUKI-ONEESAMA! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE. THE JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING RAN LATE, SO I TOOK A SHORTCUT THROUGH HERE.
BUT I'M GLAD I MET YOU AT SUCH A PERFECT TIME, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA.
IF I HEARD YOU RIGHT...
YOU HAVE SELECTED THIS FOURTH-YEAR, MOON CLASS STUDENT, AOI NAGISA, TO BE YOUR PARTNER FOR THIS YEAR'S *ETOILE* COMPETITION. CORRECT?


AS ST. MIATOR'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, NOTHING COULD MAKE ME HAPPIER.
ACTUALLY, THERE *WAS* A SLIGHT UPROAR DURING THE JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING JUST NOW...
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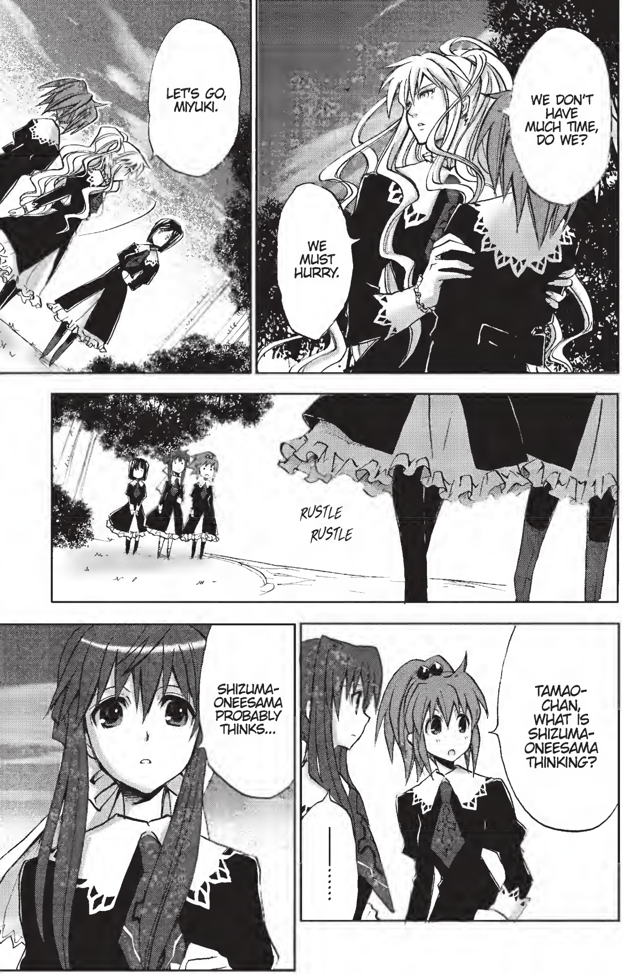
I SEE...
LULIM PRESIDENT CHIKARU SEEMS TO BE SUPPORTING SPICA'S "PRINCE."
AND IT SEEMS THAT THE MIATOR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE VERY **FRUSTRATED** OVER THIS SITUATION.
I GET YOUR POINT.
TODAY IS THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ENTRIES, CORRECT?
YES... YOU MUST ENTER BY SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT.


WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, DO WE?
WE MUST HURRY.
LET'S GO, MIYUKI.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
TAMAO-CHAN, WHAT IS SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA THINKING?
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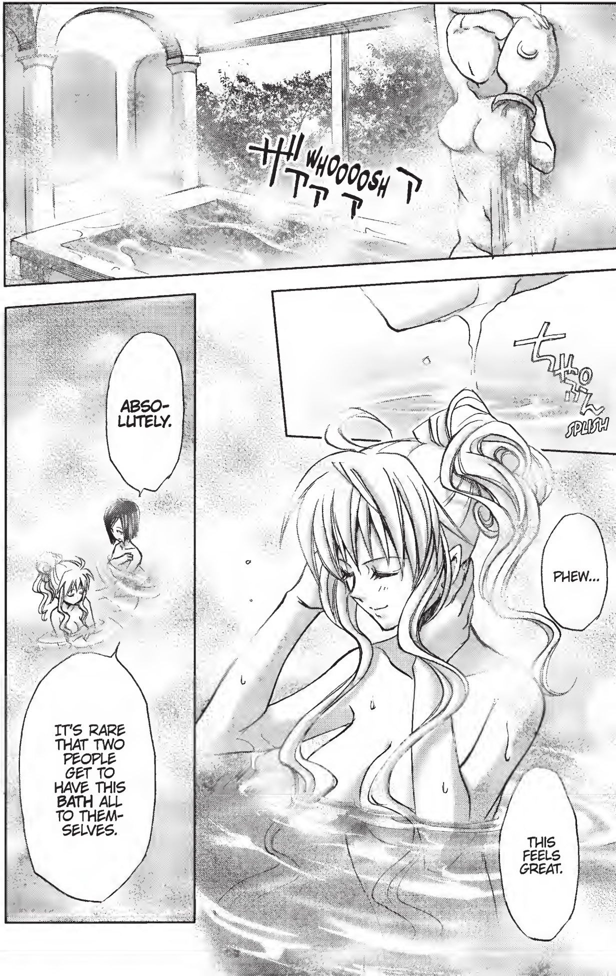
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA PROBABLY THINKS...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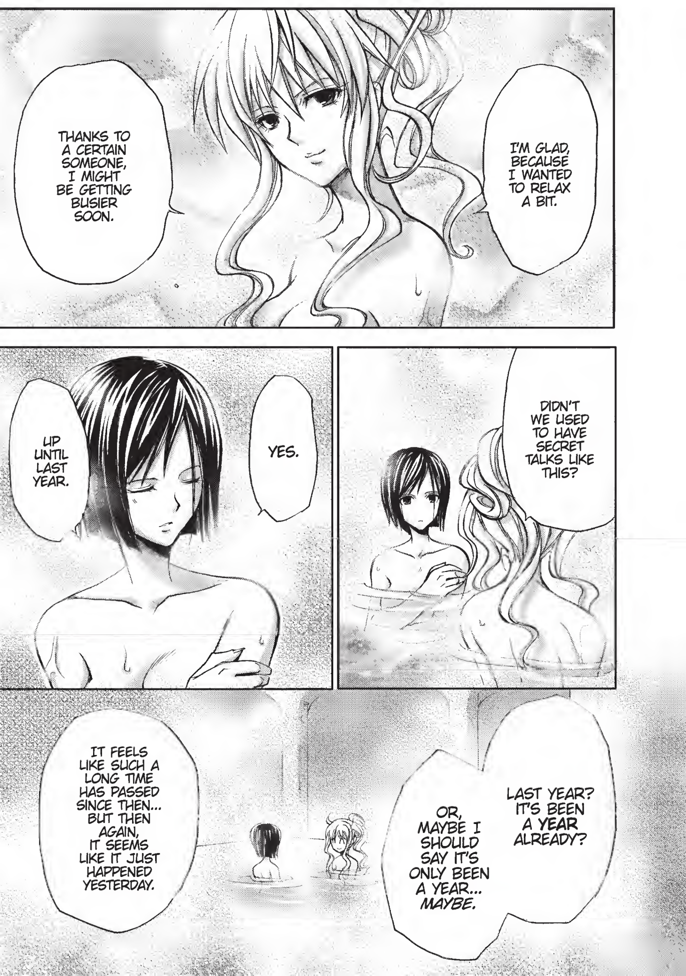
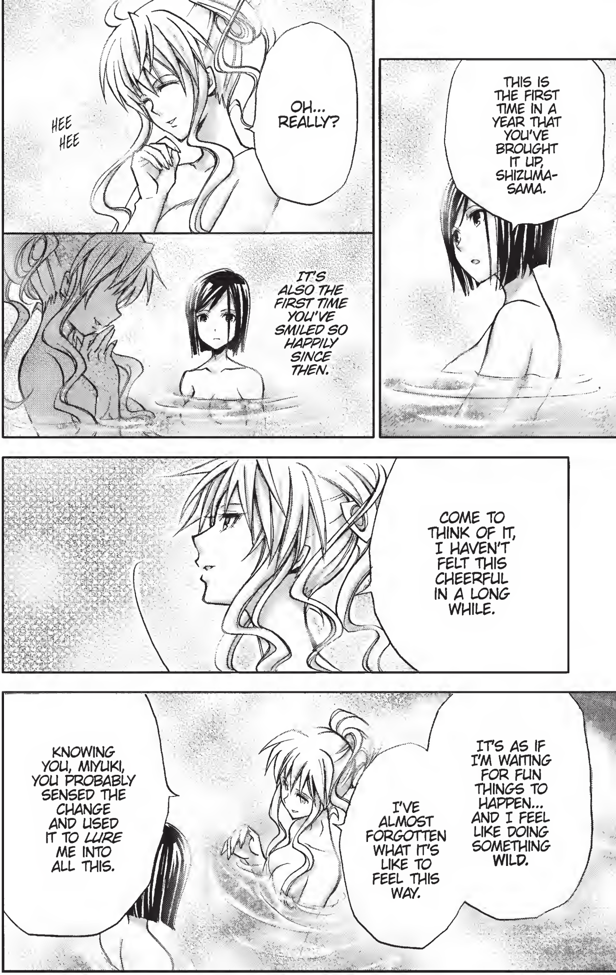
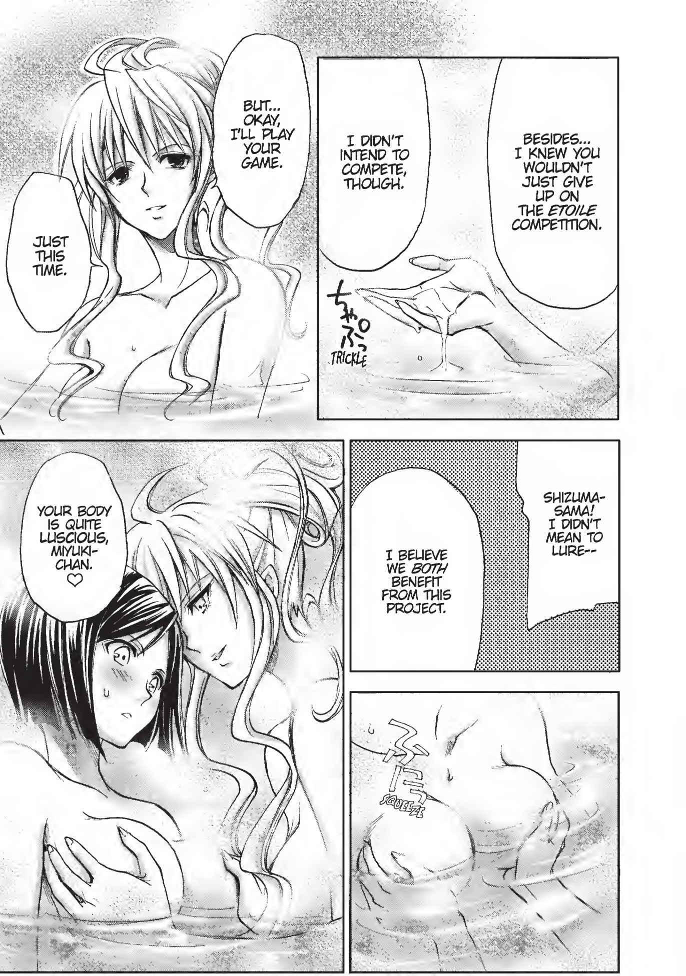
PHEW...
THIS FEELS GREAT.
ABSOLUTELY.
IT'S RARE THAT TWO PEOPLE GET TO HAVE THIS BATH ALL TO THEMSELVES.


I'M GLAD, BECAUSE I WANTED TO RELAX A BIT.
THANKS TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE, I MIGHT BE GETTING BUSIER SOON.
DIDN'T WE USED TO HAVE SECRET TALKS LIKE THIS?
YES.
UP UNTIL LAST YEAR.
LAST YEAR? IT'S BEEN A **YEAR** ALREADY?
OR, MAYBE I SHOULD SAY IT'S ONLY BEEN A YEAR... *MAYBE.*
IT FEELS LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN... BUT THEN AGAIN, IT SEEMS LIKE IT JUST HAPPENED YESTERDAY.


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT IT UP, SHIZUMA-SAMA.
OH... REALLY?
HEE HEE
IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE SMILED SO HAPPILY SINCE THEN.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T FELT THIS CHEERFUL IN A LONG WHILE.
IT'S AS IF I'M WAITING FOR FUN THINGS TO HAPPEN... AND I FEEL LIKE DOING SOMETHING WILD.
I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL THIS WAY.
KNOWING YOU, MIYUKI, YOU PROBABLY SENSED THE CHANGE AND USED IT TO *LURE* ME INTO ALL THIS.


BESIDES... I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T JUST GIVE UP ON THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
I DIDN'T INTEND TO COMPETE, THOUGH.
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TRICKLE
BUT... OKAY, I'LL PLAY YOUR GAME.
JUST THIS TIME.
SHIZUMA-SAMA! I DIDN'T MEAN TO LURE--
I BELIEVE WE *BOTH* BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT.
YOUR BODY IS QUITE LUSCIOUS, MIYUKI-CHAN. ♡
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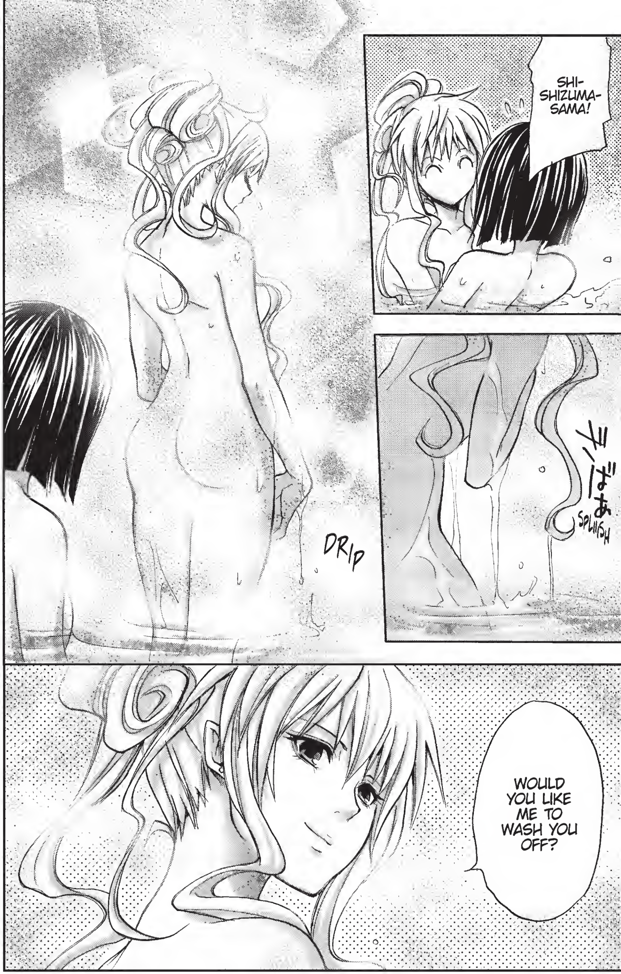
SQUEEZE


SHI-SHIZUMA-SAMA!
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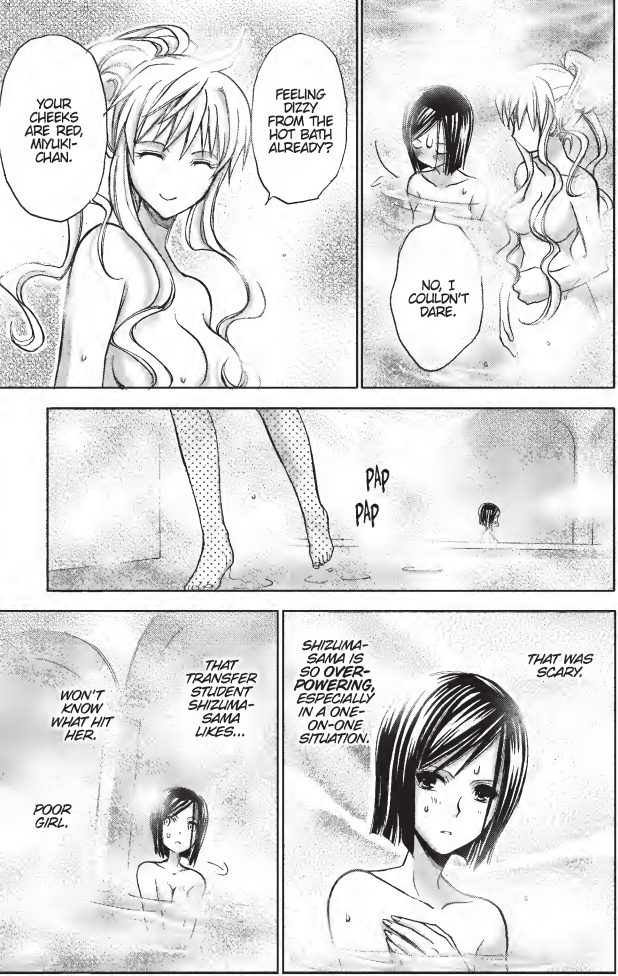
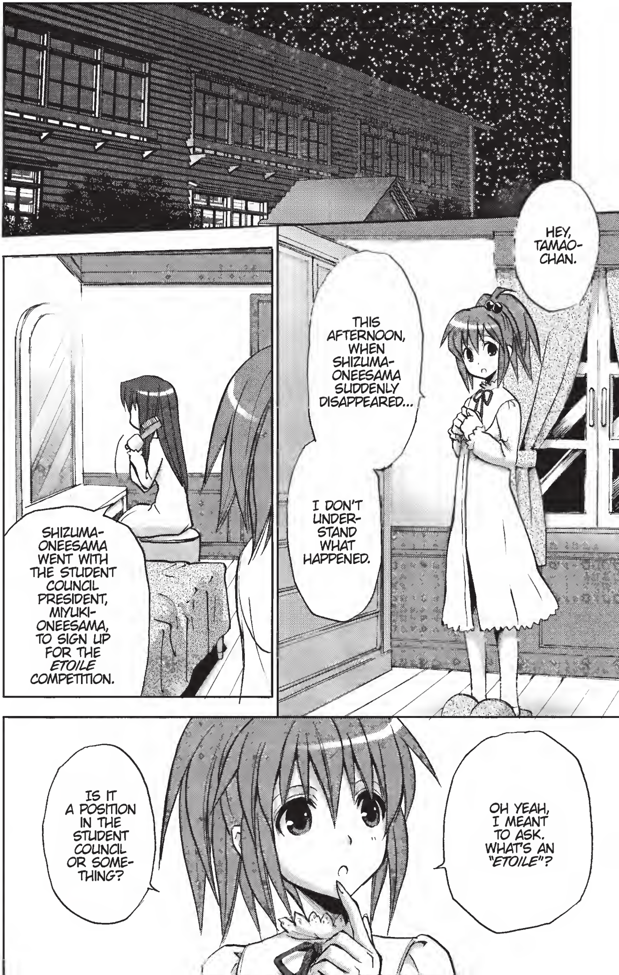
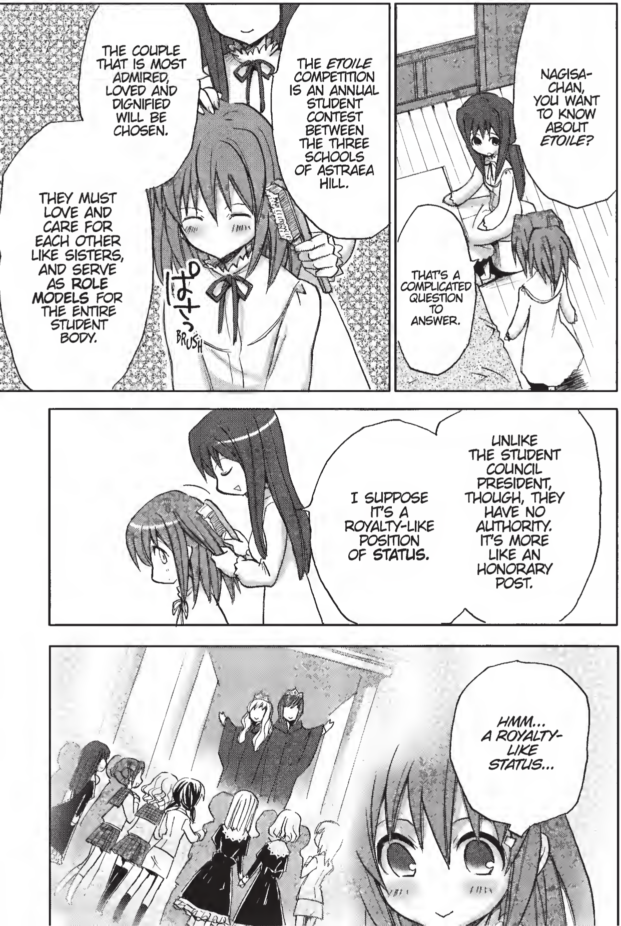
SPLIISH
DRIP
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO WASH YOU OFF?


NO, I COULDN'T DARE.
FEELING DIZZY FROM THE HOT BATH ALREADY?
YOUR CHEEKS ARE RED, MIYUKI-CHAN.
PAP
PAP
THAT WAS SCARY.
SHIZUMA-SAMA IS SO OVERPOWERING, ESPECIALLY IN A ONE-ON-ONE SITUATION.
THAT TRANSFER STUDENT SHIZUMA-SAMA LIKES...
WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HER.
POOR GIRL.


HEY, TAMAO-CHAN.
THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED.
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA WENT WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MIYUKI-ONEESAMA, TO SIGN UP FOR THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
OH YEAH, I MEANT TO ASK. WHAT'S AN "*ETOILE*"?
IS IT A POSITION IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL OR SOMETHING?


NAGISA-CHAN, YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT *ETOILE*?
THAT'S A COMPLICATED QUESTION TO ANSWER.
THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION IS AN ANNUAL STUDENT CONTEST BETWEEN THE THREE SCHOOLS OF ASTRAEA HILL.
THE COUPLE THAT IS MOST ADMIRED, LOVED AND DIGNIFIED WILL BE CHOSEN.
THEY MUST LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER LIKE SISTERS, AND SERVE AS **ROLE MODELS** FOR THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY.
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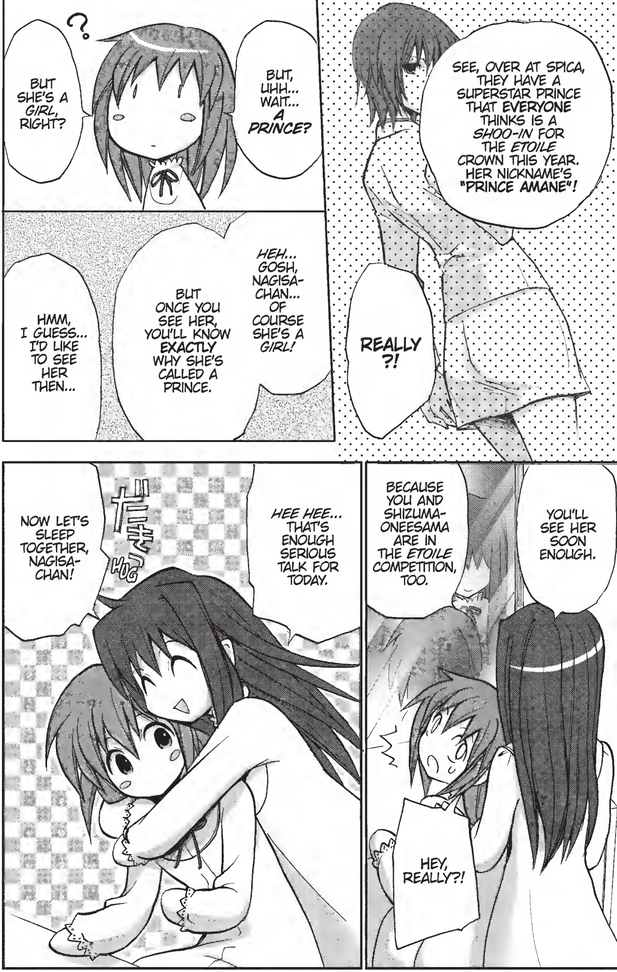
BRUSH
UNLIKE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THOUGH, THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY. IT'S MORE LIKE AN HONORARY POST.
I SUPPOSE IT'S A ROYALTY-LIKE POSITION OF **STATUS.**
HMM... A ROYALTY-LIKE STATUS...


SEE, OVER AT SPICA, THEY HAVE A SUPERSTAR PRINCE THAT EVERYONE THINKS IS A SHOO-IN FOR THE ETOILE CROWN THIS YEAR. HER NICKNAME'S "PRINCE AMANE"!
REALLY?!
BUT, UHH... WAIT... A PRINCE?
?
BUT SHE'S A GIRL, RIGHT?
HEH... GOSH, NAGISA-CHAN... OF COURSE SHE'S A GIRL!
BUT ONCE YOU SEE HER, YOU'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHY SHE'S CALLED A PRINCE.
HMM, I GUESS... I'D LIKE TO SEE HER THEN...
YOU'LL SEE HER SOON ENOUGH.
BECAUSE YOU AND SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA ARE IN THE ETOILE COMPETITION, TOO.
HEY, REALLY?!
HEE HEE... THAT'S ENOUGH SERIOUS TALK FOR TODAY.
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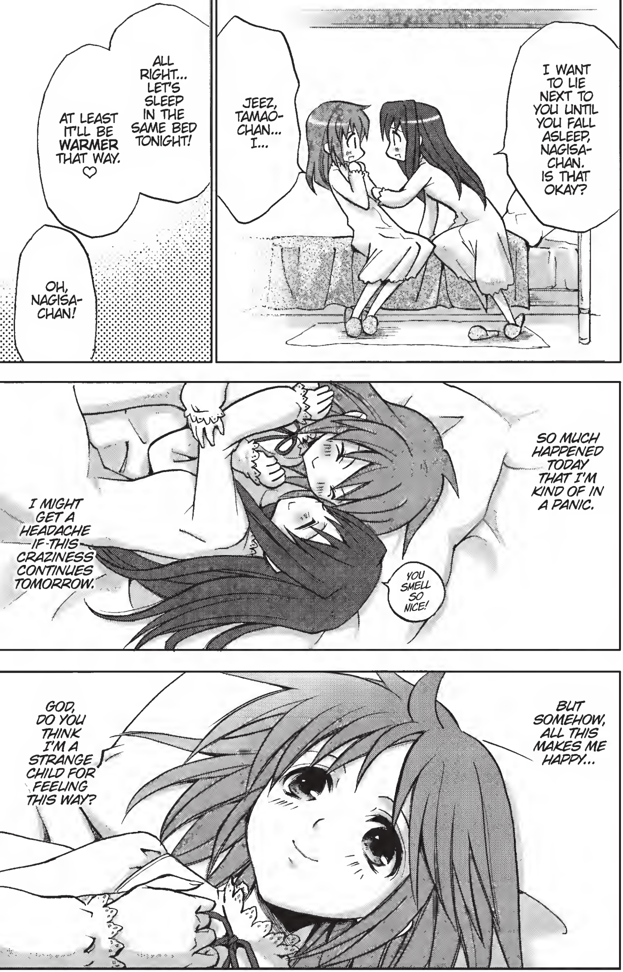
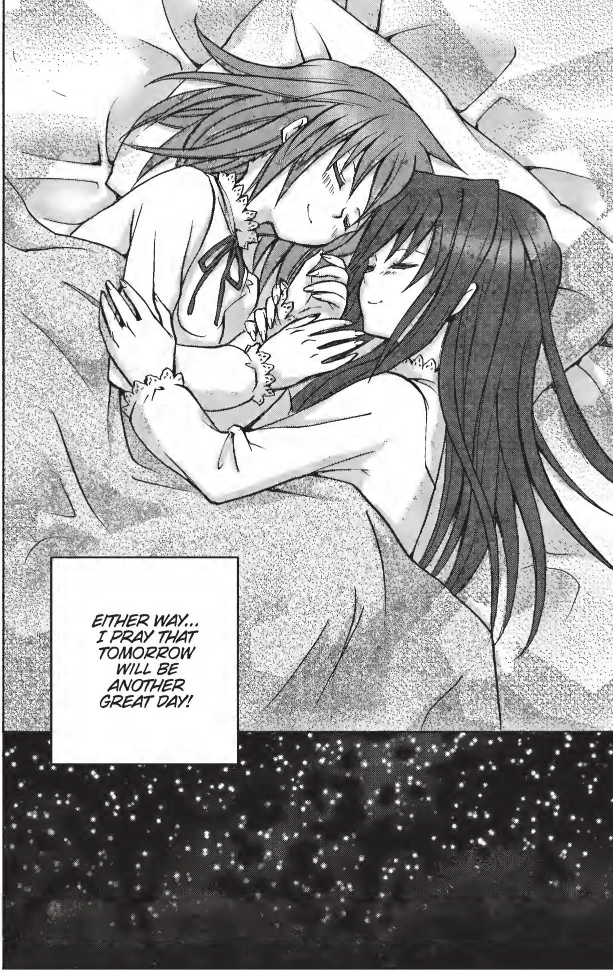
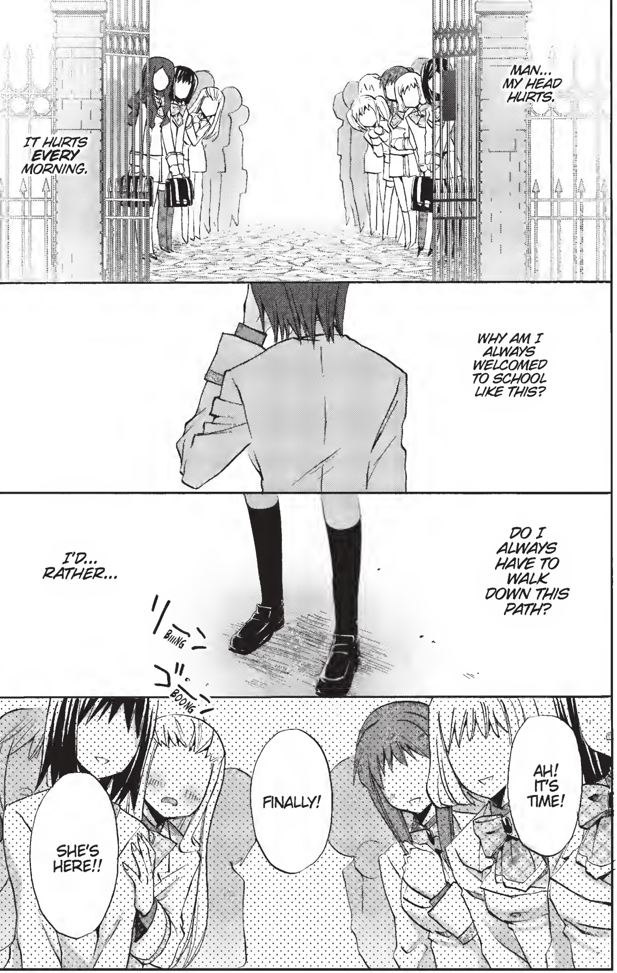
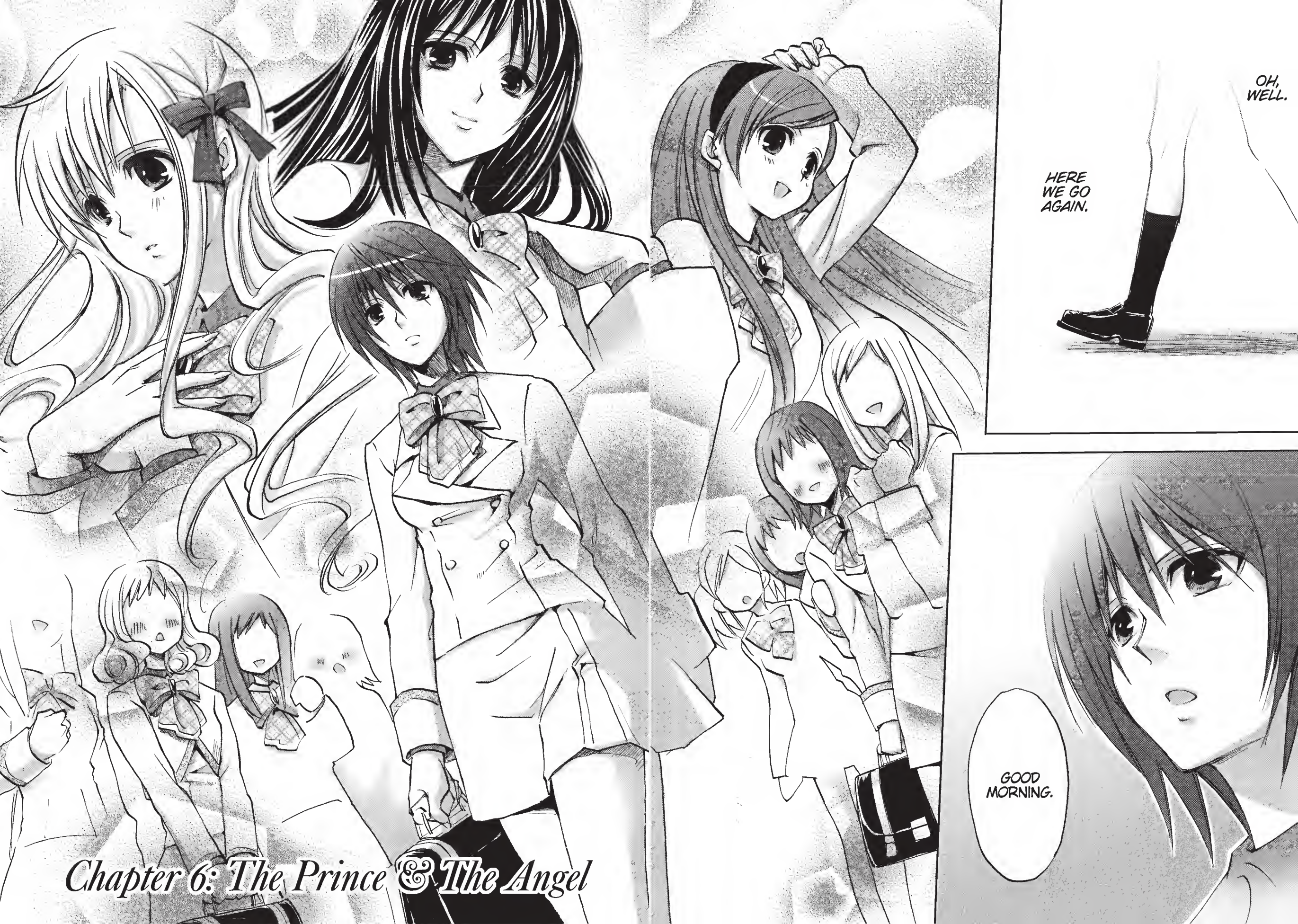
HUG
NOW LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER, NAGISA-CHAN!

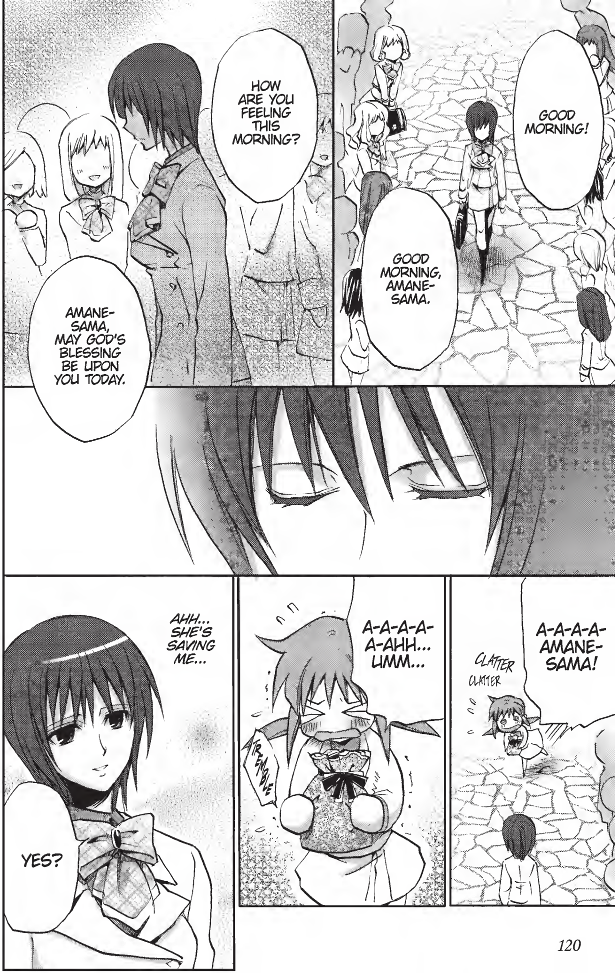

I WANT TO LIE NEXT TO YOU UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP, NAGISA-CHAN. IS THAT OKAY?
JEEZ, TAMAO-CHAN... I...
ALL RIGHT... LET'S SLEEP IN THE SAME BED TONIGHT!
AT LEAST IT'LL BE **WARMER** THAT WAY. ♡
OH, NAGISA-CHAN!
SO MUCH HAPPENED TODAY THAT I'M KIND OF IN A PANIC.
YOU SMELL SO NICE!
I MIGHT GET A HEADACHE IF THIS CRAZINESS CONTINUES TOMORROW.
BUT SOMEHOW, ALL THIS MAKES ME HAPPY...
GOD, DO YOU THINK I'M A STRANGE CHILD FOR FEELING THIS WAY?

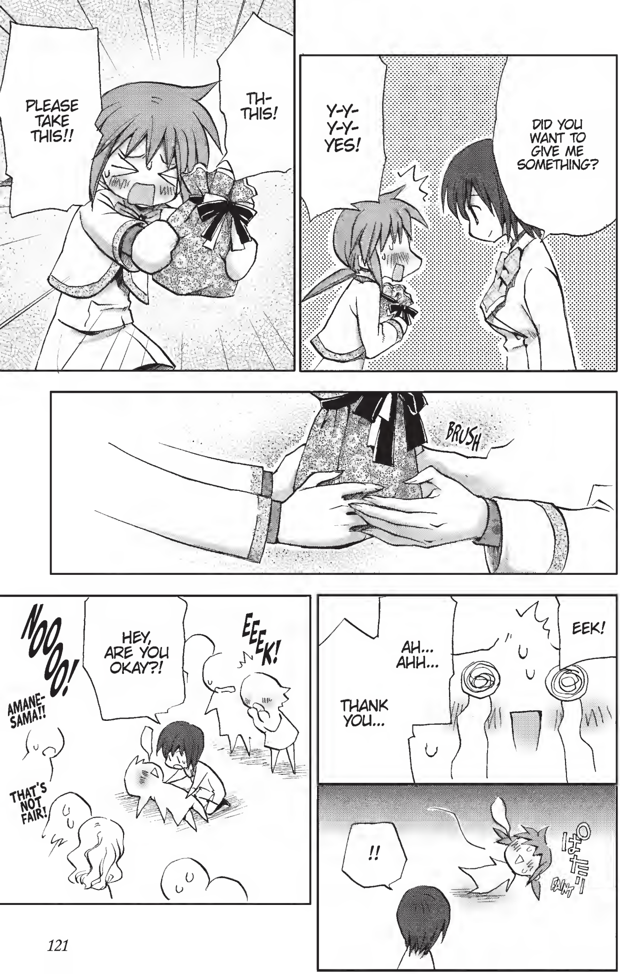

EITHER WAY... I PRAY THAT TOMORROW WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT DAY!


MAN... MY HEAD HURTS.
IT HURTS EVERY MORNING.
WHY AM I ALWAYS WELCOMED TO SCHOOL LIKE THIS?
DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO WALK DOWN THIS PATH?
I'D... RATHER...
BIING
BOONG
AH! IT'S TIME!
FINALLY!
SHE'S HERE!!

Chapter 6: The Prince & The Angel


OH, WELL.
HERE WE GO AGAIN.
GOOD MORNING.


GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING, AMANE-SAMA.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING THIS MORNING?
AMANE-SAMA, MAY GOD'S BLESSING BE UPON YOU TODAY.
A-A-A-A-AMANE-SAMA!
CLATTER CLATTER
A-A-A-A-A-AHH... UMM...
TREMBLE
AHH... SHE'S SAVING ME...
YES?


DID YOU WANT TO GIVE ME SOMETHING?
Y-Y-Y-Y-YES!
TH- THIS!
PLEASE TAKE THIS!!
BRUSH
EEK!
AH... AHH...
THANK YOU...
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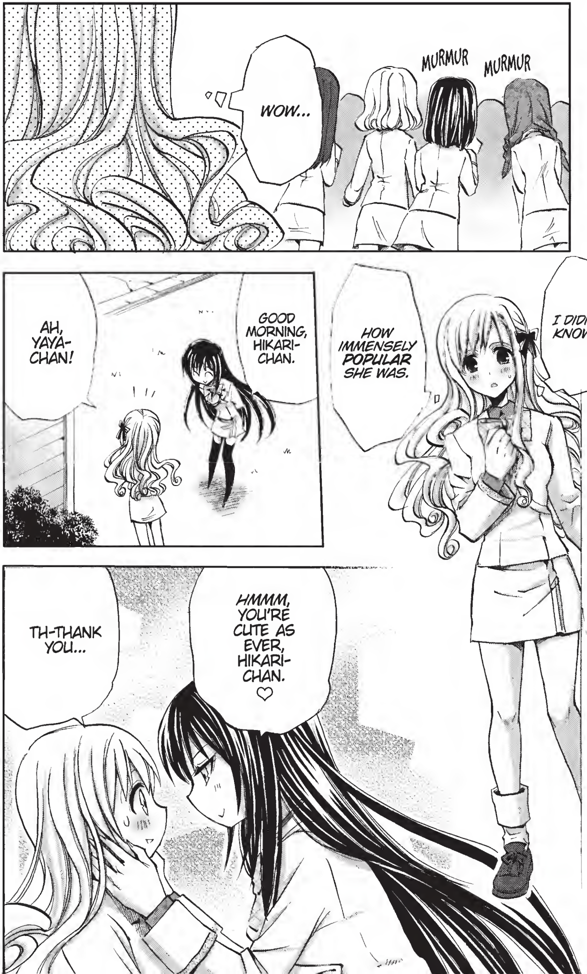
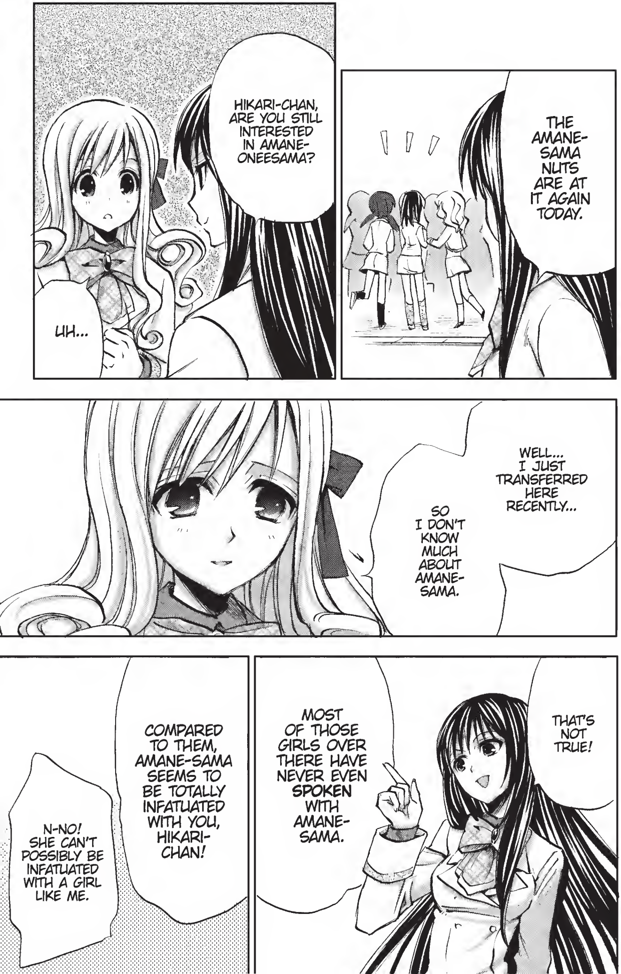
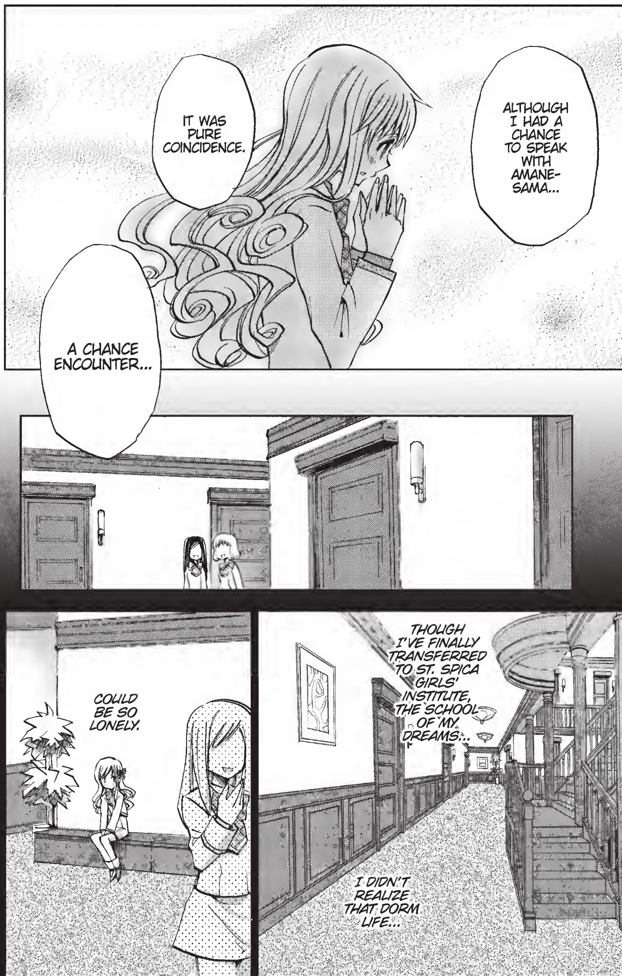
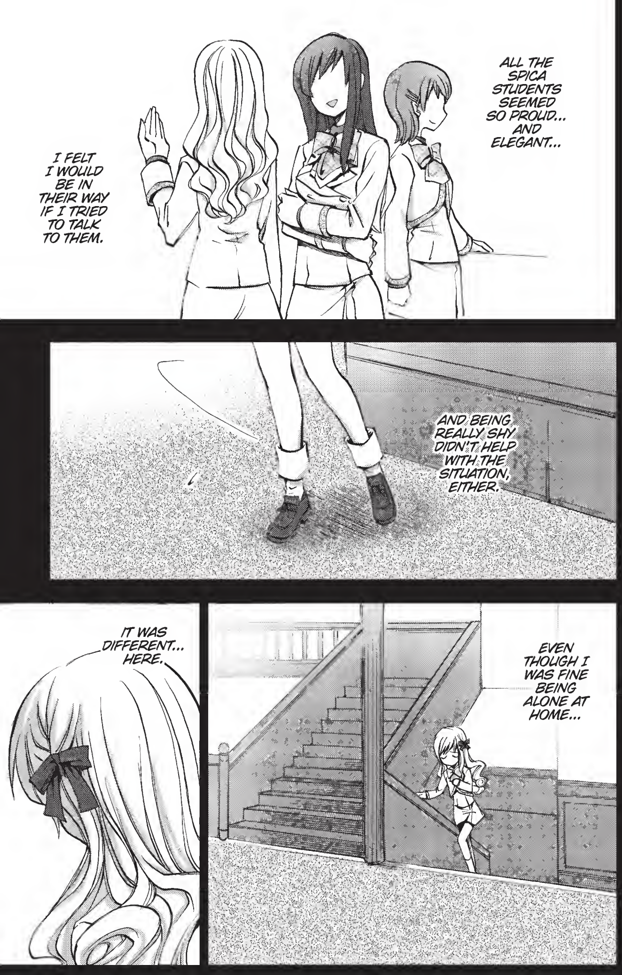
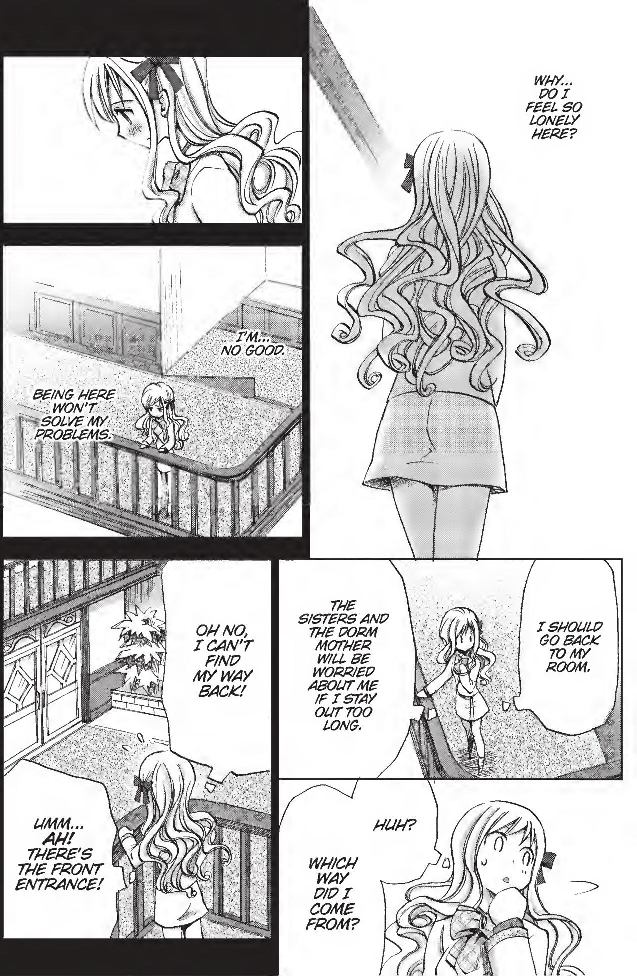
EEEK!
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?!
NOOOO!
AMANE-SAMA!!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!

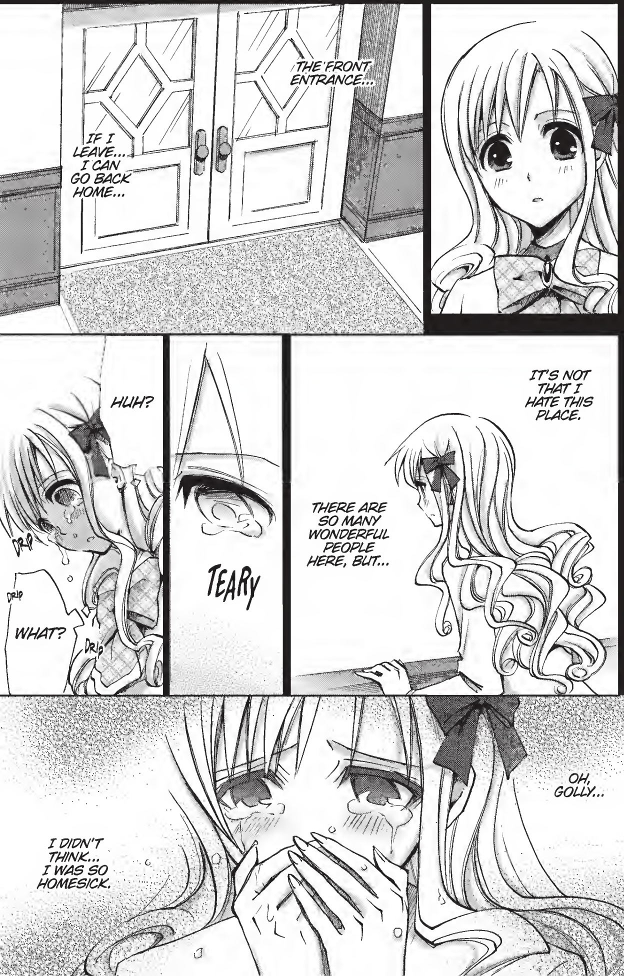

MURMUR
MURMUR
WOW...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
HOW IMMENSELY **POPULAR** SHE WAS.
GOOD MORNING, HIKARI-CHAN.
AH, YAYA-CHAN!
HMMM, YOU'RE CUTE AS EVER, HIKARI-CHAN. ♡
TH-THANK YOU...

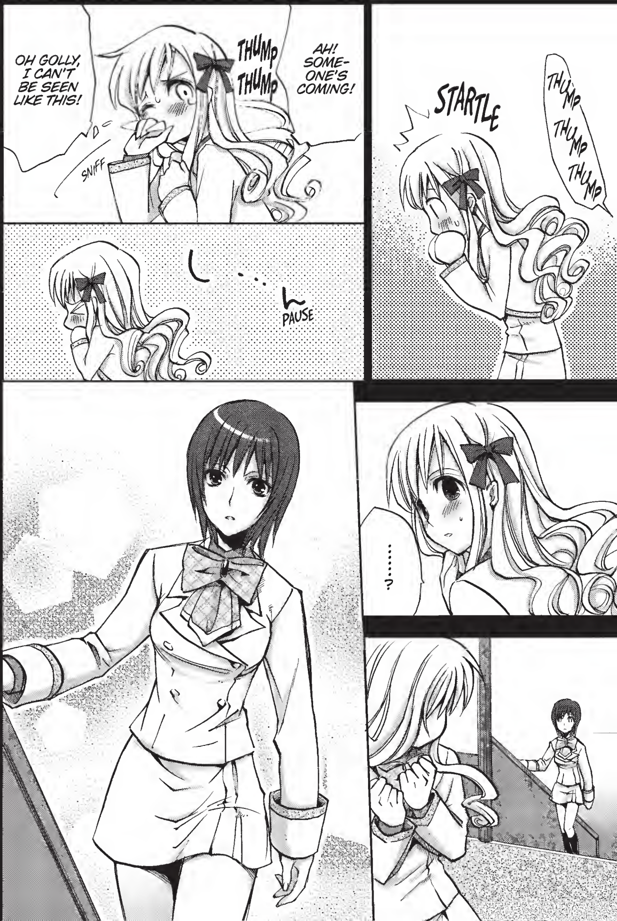

THE AMANE-SAMA NUTS ARE AT IT AGAIN TODAY.
HIKARI-CHAN, ARE YOU STILL INTERESTED IN AMANE-ONEESAMA?
UH...
WELL... I JUST TRANSFERRED HERE RECENTLY...
SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT AMANE-SAMA.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
MOST OF THOSE GIRLS OVER THERE HAVE NEVER EVEN **SPOKEN** WITH AMANE-SAMA.
COMPARED TO THEM, AMANE-SAMA SEEMS TO BE TOTALLY INFATUATED WITH YOU, HIKARI-CHAN!
N-NO! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE INFATUATED WITH A GIRL LIKE ME.


ALTHOUGH I HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH AMANE-SAMA...
IT WAS PURE COINCIDENCE.
A CHANCE ENCOUNTER...
THOUGH I'VE FINALLY TRANSFERRED TO ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE, THE SCHOOL OF MY DREAMS...
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT DORM LIFE...
COULD BE SO LONELY.


ALL THE SPICA STUDENTS SEEMED SO PROUD... AND ELEGANT...
I FELT I WOULD BE IN THEIR WAY IF I TRIED TO TALK TO THEM.
AND BEING REALLY SHY DIDN'T HELP WITH THE SITUATION, EITHER.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS FINE BEING ALONE AT HOME...
IT WAS DIFFERENT... HERE.


WHY... DO I FEEL SO LONELY HERE?
I'M... NO GOOD.
BEING HERE WON'T SOLVE MY PROBLEMS.
I SHOULD GO BACK TO MY ROOM.
THE SISTERS AND THE DORM MOTHER WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT ME IF I STAY OUT TOO LONG.
HUH?
WHICH WAY DID I COME FROM?
OH NO, I CAN'T FIND MY WAY BACK!
UMM... **AH!** THERE'S THE FRONT ENTRANCE!


THE FRONT ENTRANCE...
IF I LEAVE... I CAN GO BACK HOME...
IT'S NOT THAT I HATE THIS PLACE.
THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE HERE, BUT...
TEARY
HUH?
DRIP
DRIP
WHAT?
DRIP
OH, GOLLY...
I DIDN'T THINK... I WAS SO HOMESICK.


STARTLE
THUMP THUMP THUMP
OH GOLLY, I CAN'T BE SEEN LIKE THIS!
THUMP THUMP
AH! SOME-ONE'S COMING!
SNIFF
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PAUSE
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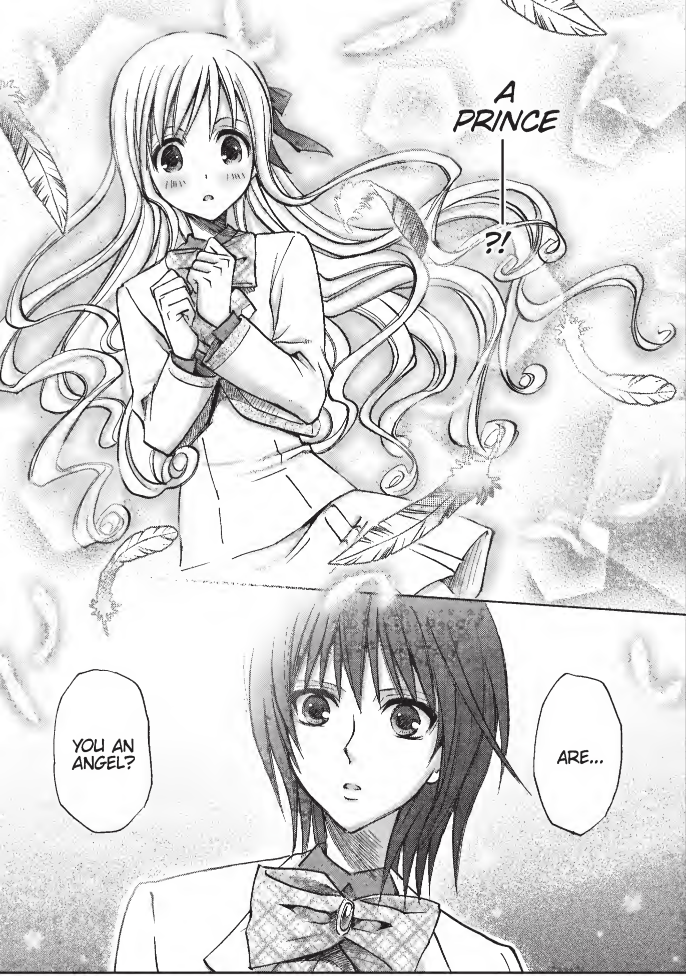
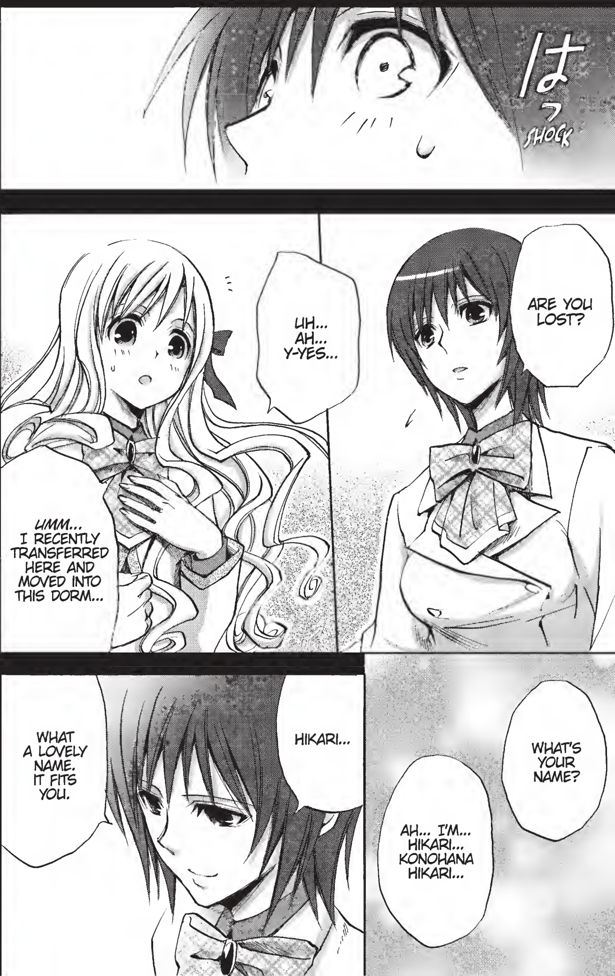

A PRINCE ?!
ARE...
YOU AN ANGEL?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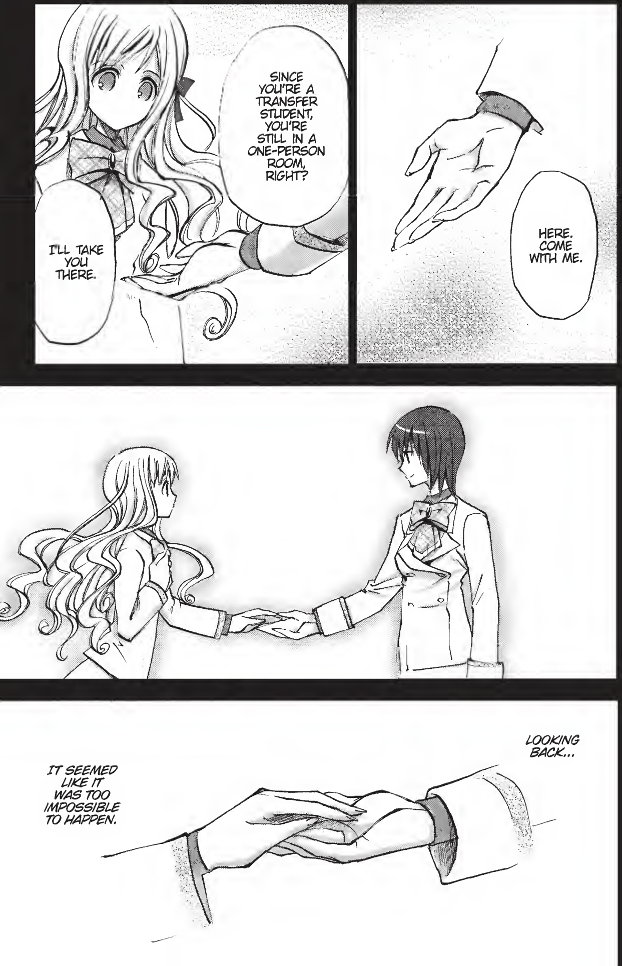
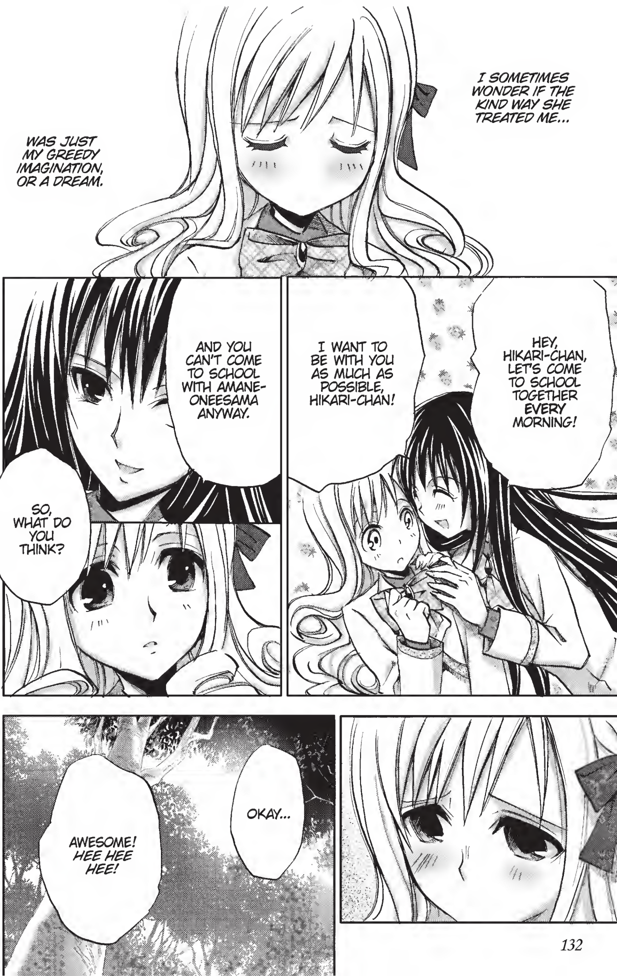
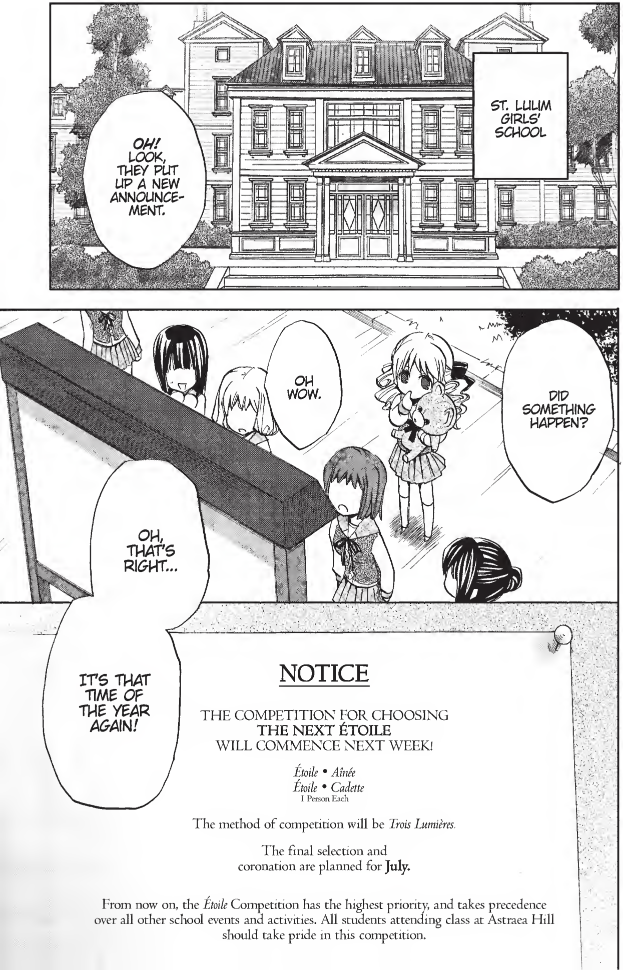
SHOCK
ARE YOU LOST?
UH... AH... Y-YES...
UMM... I RECENTLY TRANSFERRED HERE AND MOVED INTO THIS DORM...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
AH... I'M... HIKARI... KONOHANA HIKARI...
HIKARI...
WHAT A LOVELY NAME. IT FITS YOU.


HERE. COME WITH ME.
SINCE YOU'RE A TRANSFER STUDENT, YOU'RE STILL IN A ONE-PERSON ROOM, RIGHT?
I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
LOOKING BACK...
IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS TOO IMPOSSIBLE TO HAPPEN.


I SOMETIMES WONDER IF THE KIND WAY SHE TREATED ME...
WAS JUST MY GREEDY IMAGINATION, OR A DREAM.
HEY, HIKARI-CHAN, LET'S COME TO SCHOOL TOGETHER EVERY MORNING!
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, HIKARI-CHAN!
AND YOU CAN'T COME TO SCHOOL WITH AMANE-ONEESAMA ANYWAY.
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
OKAY...
AWESOME! HEE HEE HEE!


ST. LULIM GIRLS' SCHOOL
OH! LOOK, THEY PUT UP A NEW ANNOUNCEMENT.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
OH WOW.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

NOTICE

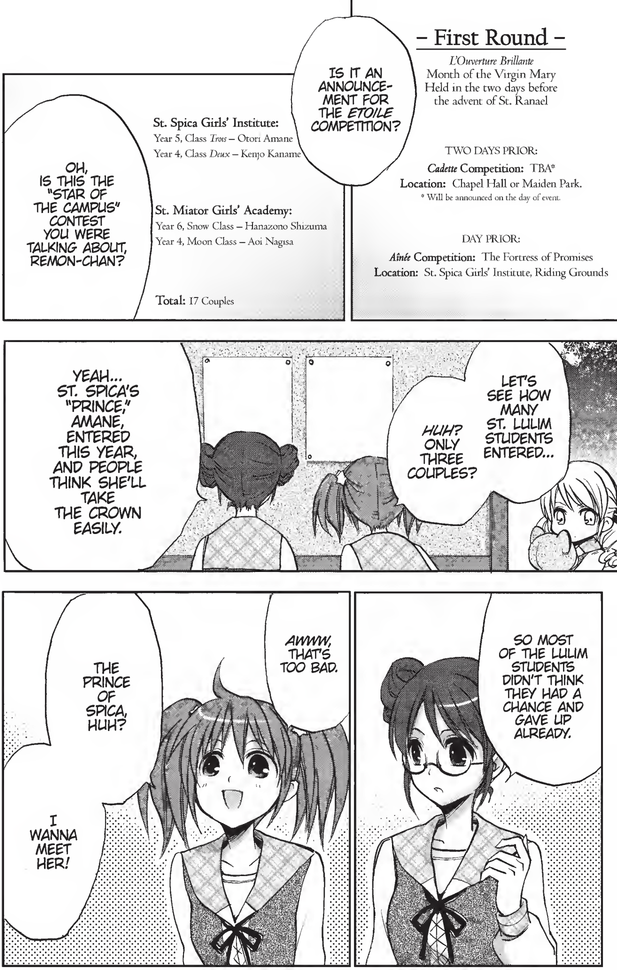
THE COMPETITION FOR CHOOSING
THE NEXT ÉTOILE
WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK!

Étoile • *Aînée*
Étoile • *Cadette*
1 Person Each

The method of competition will be *Trois Lumières.*

The final selection and
coronation are planned for **July.**

From now on, the *Étoile* Competition has the highest priority, and takes precedence over all other school events and activities. All students attending class at Astraea Hill should take pride in this competition.



- First Round -

L'Ouverture Brillante
Month of the Virgin Mary
Held in the two days before
the advent of St. Ranael

TWO DAYS PRIOR:
Cadette **Competition:** TBA*
Location: Chapel Hall or Maiden Park.
* Will be announced on the day of event.

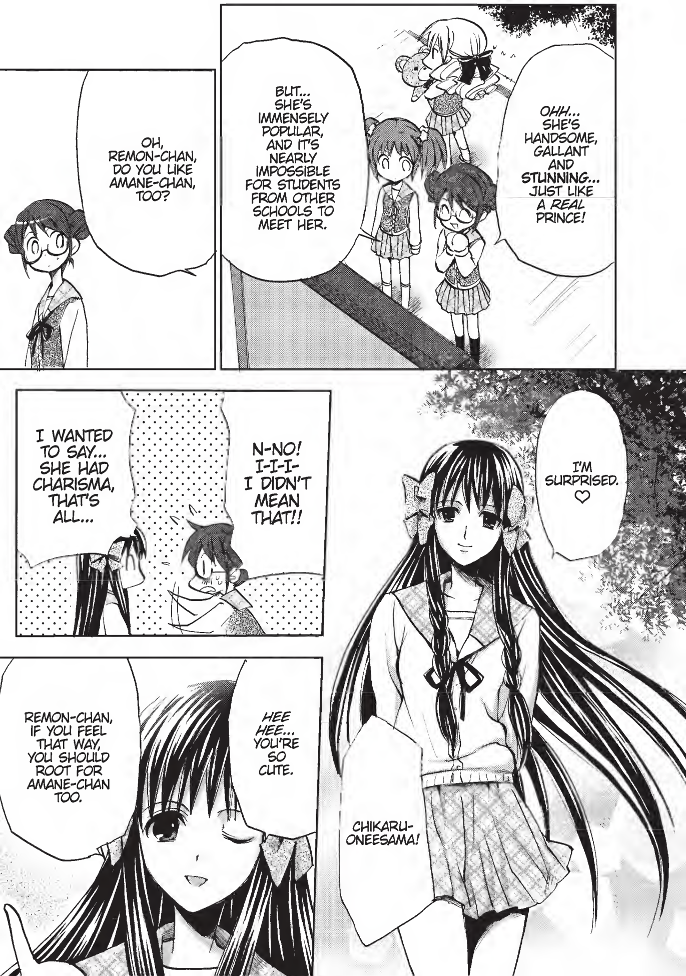
DAY PRIOR:
Aînée **Competition:** The Fortress of Promises
Location: St. Spica Girls' Institute, Riding Grounds

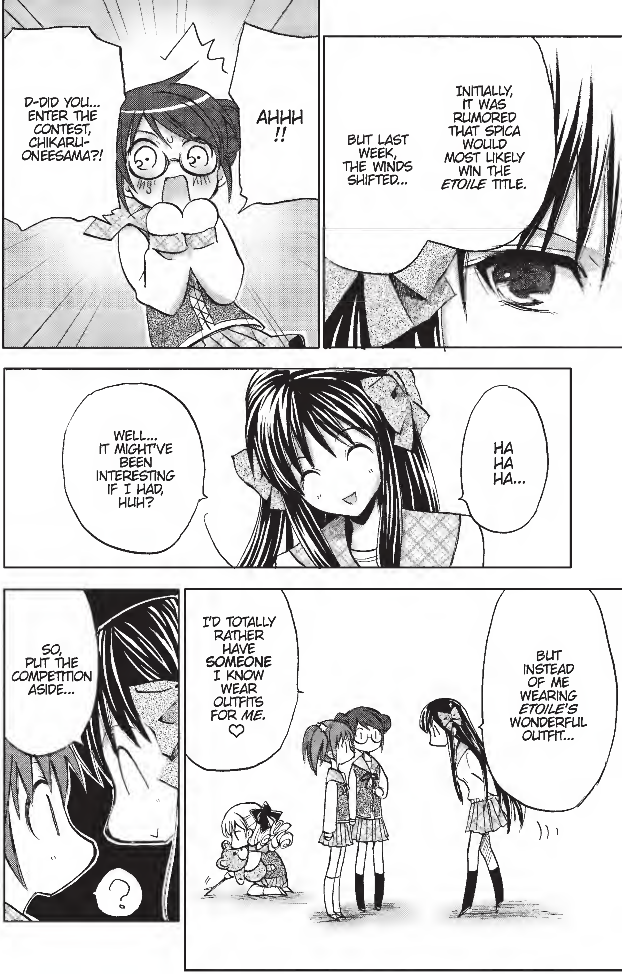
St. Spica Girls' Institute:
Year 5, Class *Trois* – Otori Amane
Year 4, Class *Deux* – Kenjo Kaname

St. Miator Girls' Academy:
Year 6, Snow Class – Hanazono Shizuma
Year 4, Moon Class – Aoi Nagisa

Total: 17 Couples

IS IT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION?
OH, IS THIS THE "STAR OF THE CAMPUS" CONTEST YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, REMON-CHAN?
LET'S SEE HOW MANY ST. LULIM STUDENTS ENTERED...
HUH? ONLY THREE COUPLES?
YEAH... ST. SPICA'S "PRINCE," AMANE, ENTERED THIS YEAR, AND PEOPLE THINK SHE'LL TAKE THE CROWN EASILY.
SO MOST OF THE LULIM STUDENTS DIDN'T THINK THEY HAD A CHANCE AND GAVE UP ALREADY.
AWWW, THAT'S TOO BAD.
THE PRINCE OF SPICA, HUH?
I WANNA MEET HER!


OHH... SHE'S HANDSOME, GALLANT AND STUNNING... JUST LIKE A *REAL* PRINCE!
BUT... SHE'S IMMENSELY POPULAR, AND IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS TO MEET HER.
OH, REMON-CHAN, DO YOU LIKE AMANE-CHAN, TOO?
I'M SURPRISED. ♡
CHIKARU-ONEESAMA!
N-NO! I-I-I- I DIDN'T MEAN THAT!!
I WANTED TO SAY... SHE HAD CHARISMA, THAT'S ALL...
HEE HEE... YOU'RE SO CUTE.
REMON-CHAN, IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, YOU SHOULD ROOT FOR AMANE-CHAN TOO.


INITIALLY, IT WAS RUMORED THAT SPICA WOULD MOST LIKELY WIN THE *ETOILE* TITLE.
BUT LAST WEEK, THE WINDS SHIFTED...
AHHH !!
D-DID YOU... ENTER THE CONTEST, CHIKARU-ONEESAMA?!
HA HA HA...
WELL... IT MIGHT'VE BEEN INTERESTING IF I HAD, HUH?
BUT INSTEAD OF ME WEARING *ETOILE'S* WONDERFUL OUTFIT...
I'D TOTALLY RATHER HAVE **SOMEONE** I KNOW WEAR OUTFITS FOR *ME.* ♡
SO, PUT THE COMPETITION ASIDE...
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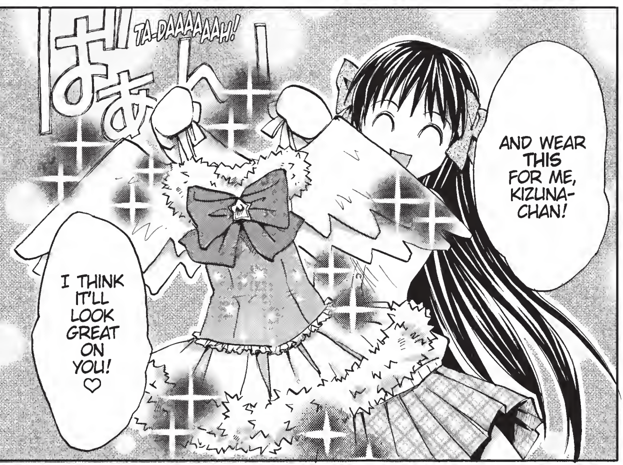
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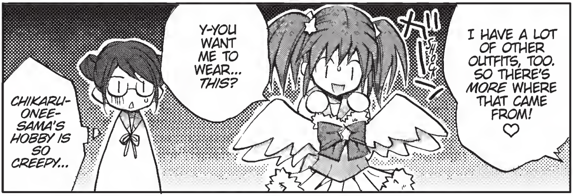
TA-DAAAAAAH!
AND WEAR THIS FOR ME, KIZUNA-CHAN!
I THINK IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU! ♡


I HAVE A LOT OF OTHER OUTFITS, TOO. SO THERE'S *MORE* WHERE THAT CAME FROM! ♡
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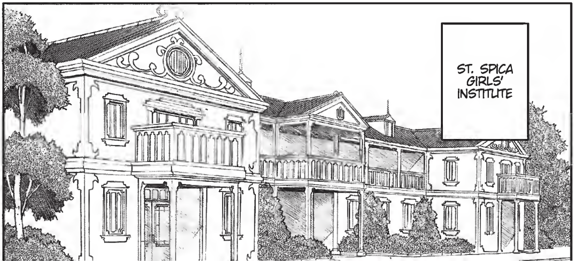
SHOCK
Y-YOU WANT ME TO WEAR... *THIS?*
CHIKARU-ONEE-SAMA'S HOBBY IS SO CREEPY...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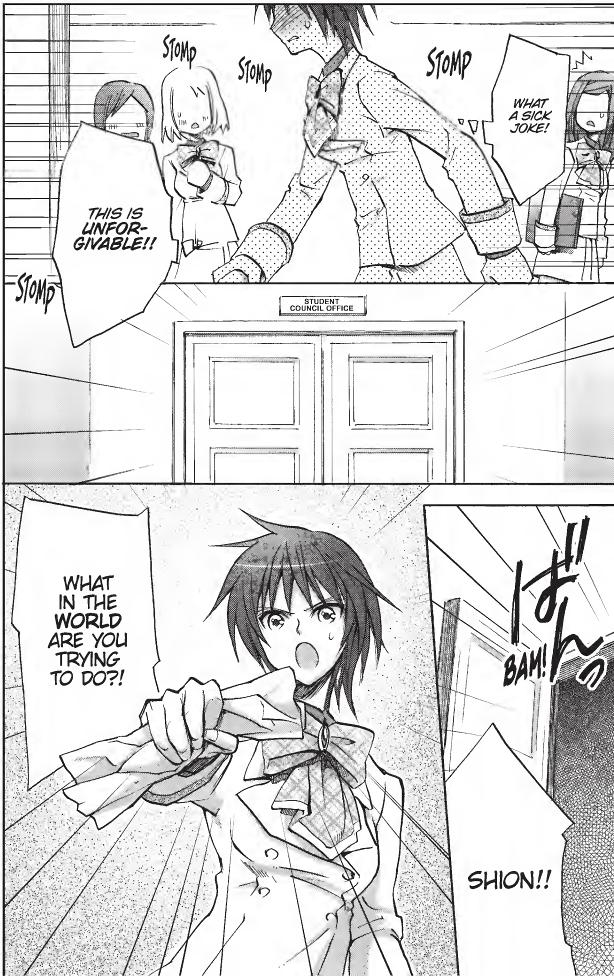
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
WHAT A SICK JOKE!
THIS IS UNFORGIVABLE!!
STOMP
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
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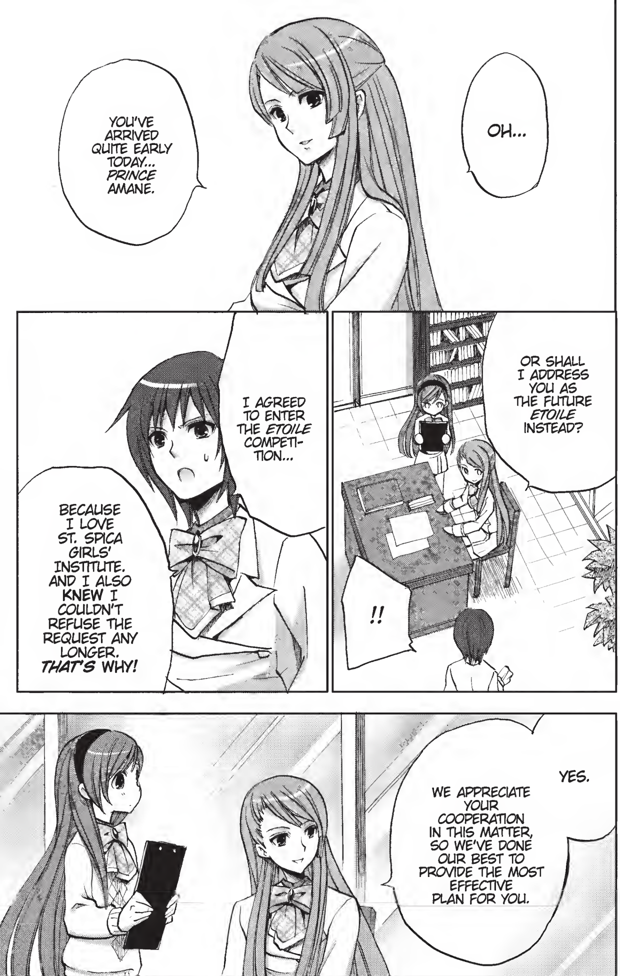
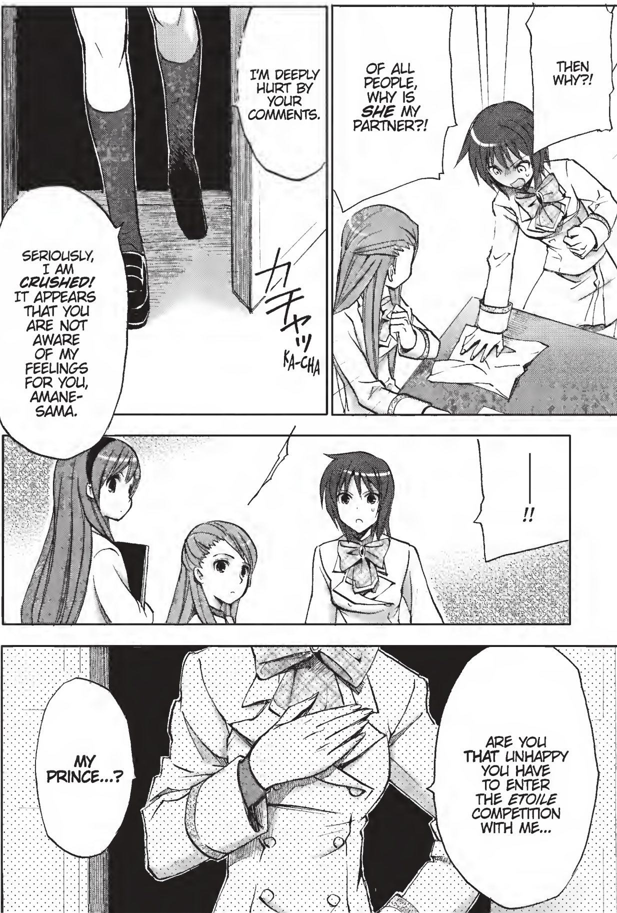
BAM!
SHION!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!


OH...
YOU'VE ARRIVED QUITE EARLY TODAY... *PRINCE* AMANE.
OR SHALL I ADDRESS YOU AS THE FUTURE *ETOILE* INSTEAD?
!!
I AGREED TO ENTER THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION...
BECAUSE I LOVE ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE. AND I ALSO **KNEW** I COULDN'T REFUSE THE REQUEST ANY LONGER. ***THAT'S*** **WHY!**
YES.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER, SO WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR YOU.


THEN WHY?!
OF ALL PEOPLE, WHY IS *SHE* MY PARTNER?!
I'M DEEPLY HURT BY YOUR COMMENTS.
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KA-CHA
SERIOUSLY, I AM *CRUSHED!* IT APPEARS THAT YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF MY FEELINGS FOR YOU, AMANE-SAMA.
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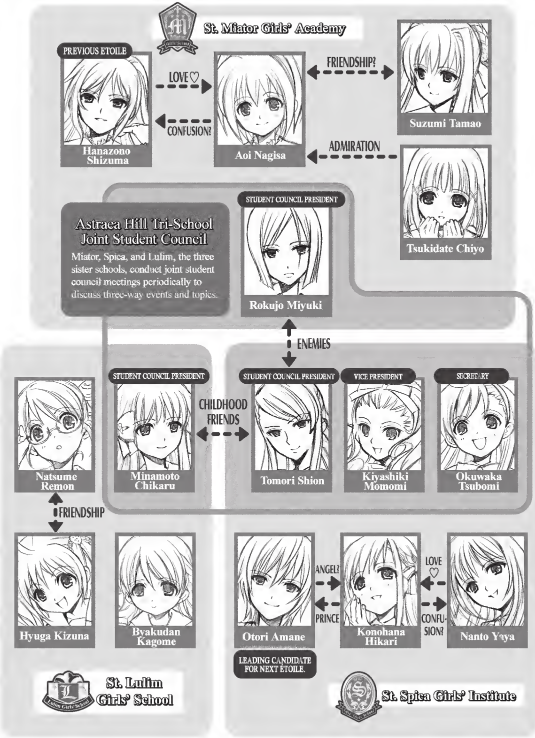
ARE YOU THAT UNHAPPY YOU HAVE TO ENTER THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION WITH ME...
MY PRINCE...?

ASTRAEA HILL TRI-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP CHART

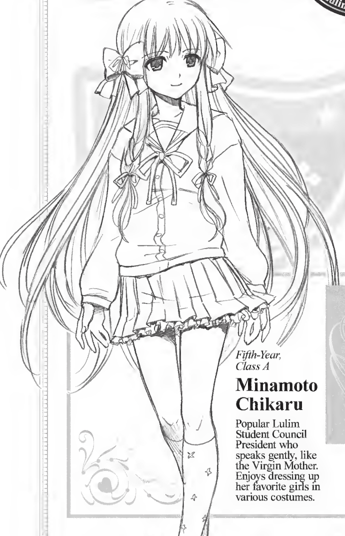

St. Miator Girls' Academy
PREVIOUS ETOILE
Hanazono Shizuma
LOVE♡
CONFUSION?
Aoi Nagisa
FRIENDSHIP?
Suzumi Tamao
ADMIRATION
Tsukidate Chiyo
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Rokujo Miyuki
ENEMIES
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Minamoto Chikaru
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Tomori Shion
VICE PRESIDENT
Kiyashiki Momomi
SECRETARY
Okuwaka Tsubomi
Natsume Remon
FRIENDSHIP
Hyuga Kizuna
Byakudan Kagome
Otori Amane
ANGEL?
PRINCE
Konohana Hikari
LOVE ♡
CONFUSION?
Nanto Yaya
LEADING CANDIDATE FOR NEXT ETOILE.
St. Lulim Girls' School
St. Spica Girls' Institute

Astraea Hill Tri-School Joint Student Council

Miator, Spica, and Lulim, the three sister schools, conduct joint student council meetings periodically to discuss three-way events and topics.

STRAWBERRY PANIC STUDENT DIRECTORY

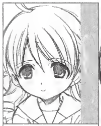
St. Lulim Girls' School



Fifth-Year, Class A

Minamoto Chikaru

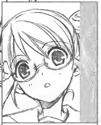
Popular Lulim Student Council President who speaks gently, like the Virgin Mother. Enjoys dressing up her favorite girls in various costumes.



Second-Year, Class B

Byakudan Kagome

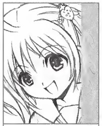
Always clings lovingly to her teddy bear friend. Takes naps anywhere.



Second-Year, Class B

Natsume Remon

Kizuna's classmate, Art Club member. Very bashful and stutters from nervousness when speaking to the famous upper-classman Chikaru.

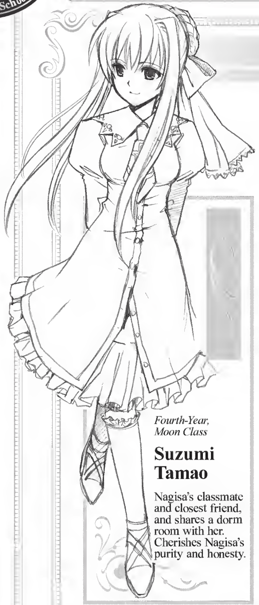


Second-Year, Class B

Hyuga Kizuna

Bubbly girl, recently transferred to St. Lulim Girls' School. Cheery, fearless tomboy. Likes to hold hands.

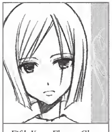
St. Miator Girls' Academy



Fourth-Year, Moon Class

Suzumi Tamao

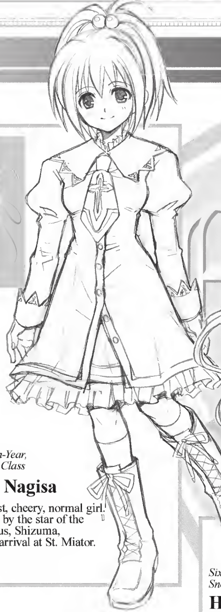
Nagisa's classmate and closest friend, and shares a dorm room with her. Cherishes Nagisa's purity and honesty.



Fifth-Year, Flower Class

Rokujo Miyuki

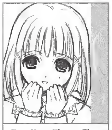
St. Miator Girls' Academy Student Council President. Known for being a strategist, and nicknamed "Princess of Rokujo-in."



Fourth-Year, Moon Class

Aoi Nagisa

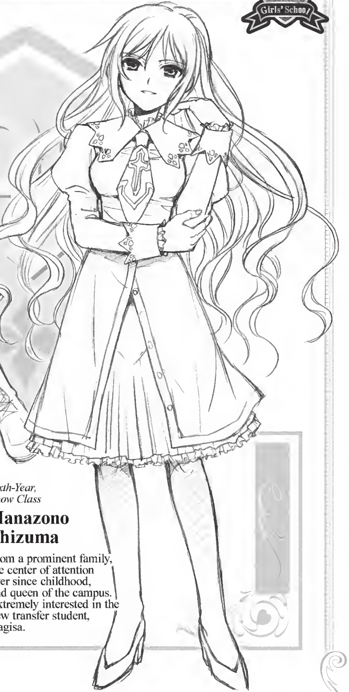
Honest, cheery, normal girl. Liked by the star of the campus, Shizuma, upon arrival at St. Miator.



First-Year, Flower Class

Tsukidate Chiyo

Timid crybaby, but growing strong at heart. A Miator student from elementary school, and admires Nagisa.



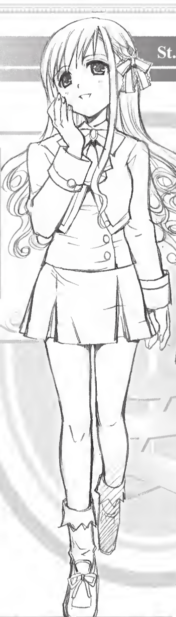
Sixth-Year, Snow Class

Hanazono Shizuma

From a prominent family, the center of attention ever since childhood, and queen of the campus. Extremely interested in the new transfer student, Nagisa.

※ **Note**: Being a fourth-year in Astraea schools is equivalent to being a first-year in Japanese high school (or a U.S. high school sophomore).

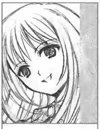
St. Spica Girls' Institute



Third-Year, Class Un

Konohana Hikari

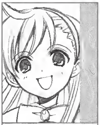
Very beautiful girl who loves beautiful things. Admires Amane ever since their first encounter, when she had just transferred to St. Spica Girls' Institute.



Third-Year, Class Un

Nanto Yaya

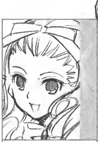
Hikari's classmate, who comes from a well-established noble family. Very amorous, but only seems to be interested in girls.



First-Year, Class Deux

Okukawa Tsubomi

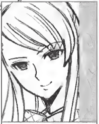
Spica student since kindergarten and Spica Student Council Secretary. Cheery, upbeat personality, and brightens the mood wherever she is. Popular among the upperclassmen.



Fifth-Year, Class Un

Kiyashiki Momomi

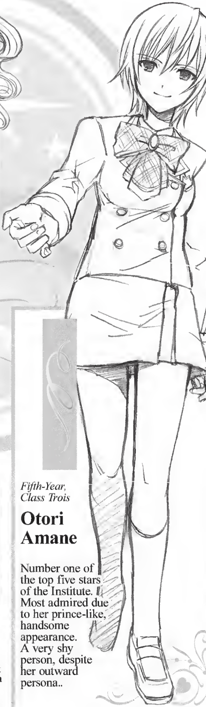
Un-Japanese appearance, with hair in spiral curls. One of the top five stars of the Institute, and Spica Student Council Vice President.



Fifth-Year, Class Deux

Tomori Shion

Nicknamed "Snow Empress," she is the most intelligent student in Spica's history. Spica Student Council President; made plans for Amane to take the *Etoile* crown.



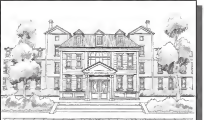
Fifth-Year, Class Trois

Otori Amane

Number one of the top five stars of the Institute. Most admired due to her prince-like, handsome appearance. A very shy person, despite her outward persona..

MAP OF ASTRAEA HILL

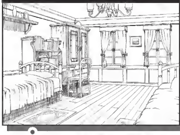
Astraea Hill first had a convent of nuns, with the St. Miator Girls' Academy built next to it. Eventually, two other sister schools, Spica and Lulim, were built. The three schools are surrounded by gardens, nicknamed "Maiden Park," that only the sisters and their students are allowed to enter.



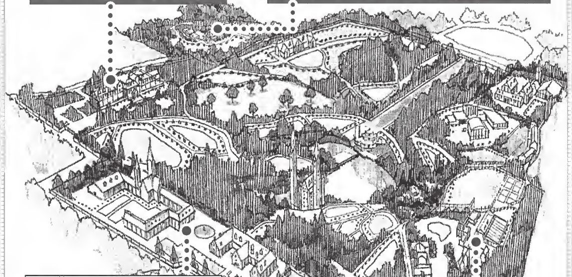
St. Lulim Girls' School

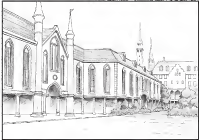
Newest sister school built. Educational policy is to create a new generation of "good Japanese housewives," and is more informal than the other schools. Has many active small clubs with unusual themes.

Astraea Hall (Strawberry Dorms)



Dormitory made for students who live far from the schools. Each school has one side each of the triangular building, nicknamed "Strawberry Dorms."

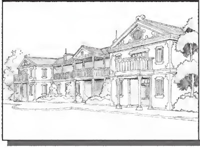




St. Miator Girls' Academy

Built first, next to the convent. Strictest school in Astraea, with many students from noble families. The majority of students are engaged by graduation.

St. Spica Girls' Institute



Aimed to develop independent women that will make great contributions to modern society, and built after Miator.Has many sports clubs, with horse riding grounds and pool facilities built on campus.

Sensei – Literally meaning “one who has come before,” this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

Oniisan – This title literally means “big brother.” First and foremost, it is used by younger siblings towards older male siblings. It can be used by itself or attached to a person’s name as a suffix (niisan). It is often used by a younger person toward an older person unrelated by blood, but as a sign of respect. Other forms include the informal “oniichan” and the more respectful “oniisama.”

Oneesan – This title is the opposite of “oniisan” and means “big sister.” Other forms include the informal “oneechan” and the more respectful “oneesama.”

TRANSLATION NOTES

Aînée **-** Older sister

Cadette **-** Younger sister

Étoile **-** Star

L’Ouverture Brillante **-** The brilliant overture (beginning)

Trois Lumières **-** Three lights

JAPANESE HONORIFICS GUIDE

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-san – The most common of all honorifics, it is an all-purpose suffix that can be used in any situation where politeness is expected. Generally seen as the equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs., etc.

-sama – This suffix is one level higher than “-san” and is used to confer great respect upon an individual.

-kun – This suffix is commonly used at the end of boys’ names to express either familiarity or endearment. It can also be used when addressing someone younger than oneself or of a lower status.

-chan – Another common honorific. This suffix is mainly used to express endearment towards girls, but can also be used when referring to little boys or even pets. Couples are also known to use the term amongst each other to convey a sense of cuteness and intimacy.

Sempai – This title is used towards one’s senior or “superior”in a particular group or organization. “Sempai” is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to upperclassmen as “sempai,” though it is also commonly said by employees when addressing fellow employees who hold seniority in the workplace.

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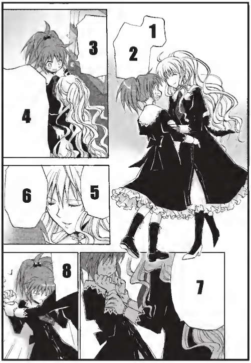

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